

POSITION STATEMENT

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CE Marking for Plastic Piping Systems

This statement is intended as a guide for designers, stockists and users of Plastic Piping Systems that are manufactured to European standards.

1. Introduction of the Construction Products Regulations

On the 1st July 2013, the Construction Products Directive was superseded by the Construction Products Regulations (CPR). This means that for construction products placed on the market in the European Economic Area (EEA) and covered by a harmonised European standard (hEN) or conforming to a European Assessment Document (EAD), a Declaration of Performance (DoP) has to be drawn up and the product needs to be CE marked.

2. Situation for plastics piping systems

The necessary harmonised European standards are not yet cited in the Official Journal of the European Union. This means that it is currently not possible and not legal to apply CE marking to, or issue a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for, plastics piping systems in any of the following end-use applications:

- Non-pressure soil and waste discharge,
- Underground non-pressure drainage and sewerage,
- Buried and above ground conveyance of liquids under pressure,
- Hot and cold water distribution.

CE marking is also not allowed for other plastics piping products for other applications such as e.g. Rainwater Downpipes and Gutters.

3. What does that mean for you?

Plastics piping systems can still be specified, sold and used under existing approvals to recognised product standards as done up to now, in all Member States. This does not change.

We will endeavour to keep you updated with the situation regarding CE marking relative to plastics piping systems. Be assured that products manufactured by our members are meeting all the requirements and are covered by approvals necessary to stock, sell, install or use them throughout Europe.