

CE Marking and Brexit

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Since 2014 the construction sector has been mandated by the Construction Products Regulation ([CPR 305/2011](#)) to provide a declaration of performance and a visible CE mark on products that are produced for sale in the EU where a Harmonised European Standard or norm exists (hEn). In the finishes and interiors sector this mainly applies to steel products, ceilings, gypsum products and some door sets.

CE Marking

[CE marking](#) ensures that products put up for sale in EU countries have been tested to performance standards that apply in the EU, and are accompanied by a stated declaration of performance by the manufacturer or distributor.

Harmonised Standards

A Harmonised Standard is a European standard developed by the recognised European Standards Organisation which includes [CEN](#); the European Committee for Standardization, is an association that brings together the National Standardization Bodies of 33 European countries. BSI are the standards authority for Great Britain and are members of CEN, and as such, are key members in the development of these standards. This position won't change as CEN is a European body and not an EU body.

Following any Brexit negotiation, UK Government will have the power to ignore the CPR and revert to BS standards rather than BS EN standards. This is considered unlikely at this stage as this could lead to two-tier standards being applied, which may result in

variable production runs, increased stock holding and possible confusion.

BSI held a webinar to clarify their current position which can be viewed [here](#)

Further reading:

CPA Guidance Note on CPR

<http://www.bsigroup.com/LocalFiles/en-GB/industries-and-sectors/construction/BSI-Construction-Products-Regulation-guidance-UK-EN.pdf>