

# **BWF Stair Scheme**

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# Sustainability

## Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging

The regulations will apply to all obligated UK organisations that import or supply packaging.

You need to collect and report packaging data for a given year if all the following apply:

- you're an individual business, subsidiary or group (but not a charity)
- you have an annual turnover of £1 million or more, based on your most recent annual accounts up to 7 April
- you were responsible for importing or supplying more than 25 tonnes of packaging to the UK market in the previous calendar year
- you carry out any of the packaging activities

If this guidance says you may need to take action, [check the rest of the guidance on packaging data](#) - this will help you confirm whether you must record and submit your data, and what you must submit.

## **Sustainability**

### **MHCLG has published its report, “Consideration of embodied carbon in new buildings.”**

Research report on the practical, technical and economic impacts of measuring and reducing embodied carbon in new buildings.

The full report can be found [here](#)

## Product Safety

### **BSI Webinar and Draft for Public Comment - PAS 2000, Construction Products – Bringing Safe Products to market – Code of Practice.**

BSI has run a webinar introducing PAS 2000 Construction products – Bringing safe products to market – Code of practice. This new Publicly Available Specification (PAS) has been developed to support the safety of construction products across the UK.

A recording is available online.

The draft for public comment of PAS 2000 is available on the BSI Standards Development Portal [here](#)

On the BSI portal you will be able to,

- Download a PDF copy of the draft PAS
- Post comments within a digital version of the PAS

# **Building Regulations MHCLG - Membership of Fundamental Review of Building Regulations Guidance**

On 31 July, the government announced the appointment of six members to the Fundamental Review of Building Regulations Guidance panel.

In December 2024, the government announced that the Building Safety Regulator would be leading a [fundamental review of the building regulations guidance](#), to centre on how they are produced, structured and presented. The Fundamental Review of Building Regulations Guidance panel members will support and inform the review and the members each come with extensive experience across a range of sectors.

# Machinery Safety

## **OPSS - Machinery safety legislation: call for evidence**

EU Machinery Regulation 2023/1230 applies in the EU from January 2027, bringing in changes intended to clarify and future-proof the legislation in this area, including the creation of common specifications, a move to paperless documentation, and obligations on all actors in the supply chain. The Government is considering whether to introduce these measures across the UK. It is, therefore, seeking views on the issues associated with the continued recognition of new EU product requirements for machinery, and the implementation of the same approach.

The full call for evidence can be found [here](#)

## Product Regulation

### European Commission - [Call for evidence for an impact assessment. – Standardisation Regulation - Revision](#)

The Commission announced that it would revise the Standardisation Regulation in the [2025 EU Competitiveness Compass](#), with the aim of making standard-setting processes 'faster and more accessible, in particular for SMEs and startups'. As recognised in the [2022 EU Standardisation Strategy](#), the EU's competitiveness, technological sovereignty and ability to protect its values and interests increasingly rely on its role as a global standard-setter.

# Product Safety

## OPSS - Product safety: checks and balances on developing policy and legislation

The Code of Conduct sets out:

- the existing legislative and non-legislative 'guardrails' around the UK product safety framework which includes requirements to place only safe and compliant products on the market and enable where necessary the removal of unsafe products
- how the Government intends to use the powers in the Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025, building on current methodology from policy to delivery, to ensure product safety measures are proportionate and effective



## **Product Regulation**

### **EU Technical Aquis and future CE marking of timber stairs**

The government's construction products reform green paper (see Technical Updates for March 2025 and April 2025) proposed regulating construction products, that fell within the scope of a harmonised or designated standard, under the new EU-CPR. Therefore, changes made by the European Commission (EC) to the scope of the EU-CPR and to the European harmonised standards will be reflected by regulations in the UK.

Through the CEN working group looking at timber in stairs, CEN/TC 175 WG 37, I have received notification that the Construction Product Regulation (CPR) Expert Group of the EC has identified the scope for the product family structural timber products/elements and ancillaries and this is going to include timber stairs.

The product families for the CPR are listed in Annex VII. Timber stairs will be included in product family 13 - structural timber products/elements and ancillaries, sub family III: structural mechanically fastened timber products and elements. Stairs and handrails are listed, and reference is made to the European Assessment Document (EAD) for stair kits. (EAD 340006-00-0506)

## **Standards and Building Regulations Revision of BS 6180**

The project has received a good response from the BSI New Work Item Panel (NWIP)

The B/208 Standards Manager will set-up the Working Panel in early September

## **Building Regulations Revision of Approved Document K**

The Building Safety Regulator (BSR) is reinstating the project to revise AD K.

The revision will not only cover stairs but will also include the glazing sections

# **Sustainability**

## **DESNZ consultation**

### **Growing the market for low carbon industrial products**

The government is consulting on a framework to deliver the guidance, tools, and levers to help buyers identify and compare lower carbon industrial products, with an initial focus on the steel, cement, and concrete sectors.