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Fenestration News (Feb)

Letter to the Editor - from Wayne Rogerson of CENSolutions

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There has been a lot of discussion in recent months, even years, about whether or not CE Marking will be mandatory. Finally we have had confirmation. The European Construction Product Directive will be changed to the Construction Product Regulation and, as a result, from 1st July 2013 it will be mandatory for companies to CE Mark.

CENSolutions has always stated the official line in as much as the UK had opted out of CE Marking. Therefore CE Marking was not law in the UK, but compliance with the Construction Products Directive meant it was a legal requirement for companies to comply with Harmonised European Standards.

The CE Mark literally stands for 'Conformité Européene' or European Conformity and it is the manufacturer's declaration that the product complies with all essential requirements; the declaration is a legal statement, which if proved to be false could be legally challenged.

What this actually means to sealed unit manufacturers, toughened glass processors and window and door fabricators is that they will have to prove their compliance to all relevant legislation including EN1279, EN 12150 – EN 12600 and EN14351. This isn't something that can be done overnight at the eleventh hour and there won't be schemes that industry bodies can implement to offer a quick fix for the short term, as we saw with the latest revisions to the Building Regulations – so as an industry we will need to get up to speed sooner rather than later.

CENSolutions has been advising its customers to follow the CE Marking route for some time now and have always been disappointed when other figure heads in the industry have suggested it hasn't ever been necessary and won't ever be mandatory. Now we have the facts, perhaps we can all start working together to meet the next challenge we face, because 2013 will be here in no time at all!

CENSolutions has eight consultants placed strategically across the UK working with over 700 customers to ensure they are not caught out by any existing or up and coming legislation. CENSolutions' expertise and market knowledge, as well as its friendly and plain English approach means it played a huge role in helping the industry achieve the necessary standards to meet the revised Building Regulations and it will continue to offer



its support to companies who would rather get ahead of this latest development sooner rather than later.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Rogerson
Joint Managing Director
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GGP (Mar)

some genuine offers out there, but are we sometimes tempted to sacrifice on quality in order to keep a few pounds in our pockets? And when the short term savings turn out to cost you more in the long run? As the developments on the market continue to up the ante, make sure you invest in quality. This way you'll safeguard your investment.

Malcolm Kemp
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Windows Active (Mar)

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