


CE Marking Application Guides

CE Marked construction products are now appearing in the UK construction market and the BBA is offering a new service for manufacturers or distributors of such products.

Although in theory, all such products will have to have been through some testing or assessment process in accordance with the relevant harmonised European Standard or European Technical Approval Guideline (ETAG), the UK regulations or application methods will not have been considered in this process.

To help those confronted by this situation, the BBA has launched a new series of documents called CE Marking Application Guides (CEMAGs), which set out exactly how CE Marked products fit in relation to UK regulations and building practice and will be a significant help to designers, developers, building control and contractors trying to establish the performance of CE Marked products and the extent of their compliance — or non-compliance — with Building Regulations.

CE MARKING UK APPLICATION GUIDE



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This Guide forms a link between the CE Marking and UK Building Regulations and construction practice.

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Generic type of construction product and use
Wood-based panel for use in construction.
This Guide relates to Guaraply Pine Plywood, a plywood for internal use as a structural component in humid conditions as defined in EN 13986 : 2004. Additional information is provided to aid use in accordance with BS 5268-2 : 2002.

Basis of this Guide
This Guide gives information supporting the CE Marking to enable the product to be incorporated satisfactorily into the construction works according to UK requirements. This Guide must be read in conjunction with the CE Marking and its accompanying information.
It covers regulatory compliance and voluntary aspects where appropriate. The presentation by the manufacturer of the information underwriting CE Marking has been taken as valid and requiring no further corroboration in accordance with the Construction Products Directive.
A Declaration of Conformity against the relevant technical specification has been provided by the manufacturer and as a condition of the issue of this document the BBA requires the manufacturer to confirm the Declaration of Conformity at six-monthly intervals.
Users must satisfy themselves that the product's performance fulfils their requirements and that the product is being used correctly. Readers are advised to check the current validity of the CE Marking with the Application Guide holder and the validity of this document with the BBA website: www.bbaceris.co.uk

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The assessment approach is similar to that used by the BBA in its standard BBA Certificate production process, with work done by the overseas testing or assessment body considered against criteria set out in Regulations or other statutory or non-statutory requirements, eg codes of practice.

The first product type to be embraced by this new Guide is plywood, now covered by a harmonised European Standard but with no information on the relationship between this and the well-established BS 5268 code for the use of timber in buildings.

The development of CEMAGs has been undertaken in consultation with industry, including the NHBC, and work is in hand on CEMAGs for other product types.