



## Regulatory Update

# Required CE Marking for Fabricated Structural Steelwork

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### Quick Facts

Implementation of CE marking on fabricated steelwork was delayed one year, to give everyone more time to comply with the required changes.

CE marking demonstrates compliance with the appropriate manufacturing standard for a product.

From 1 July 2014, all manufacturers, distributors and importers of fabricated structural steelwork need to ensure their products are CE marked.

On 1 July 2013, the Construction Products Regulations (CPR) 2013 went into effect, implementing the European Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC) throughout the United Kingdom. Under the CPR, manufacturers, distributors and importers of construction products must put CE marks on their products if they are covered by a harmonised European standard or European Technical Assessment. However, those in the fabricated structural steelwork industry were given a one-year grace period, until 1 July 2014, to prepare for and comply with the change.

### WHAT IS A CE MARK?

A CE mark is used to help ensure the quality and performance of a product. It creates a common technical language and uniform assessment methods throughout the European Economic Area. The scope of the CPR and CE marking covers construction product characteristics, including:

- Mechanical resistance and stability
- Safety in case of fire
- Hygiene, health and the environment
- Safety and accessibility in use
- Protection against noise
- Energy economy and heat retention

- Sustainable use of natural resources

### WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Starting from 1 July 2014, all manufacturers, distributors and importers of fabricated structural steelwork must now also make sure that their relevant products bear the CE mark and that associated obligations are met. The harmonised standard for fabricated structural steelwork is BS EN 1090.

Contractors and builders should also ensure that all fabricated structural steelwork delivered to their sites after 1 July 2014 bears a CE mark. This can be done by ensuring that the steelwork contractor has achieved, or is close to achieving, CE marking accreditation and by requesting the Factory Production Control Certificate, Welding Certificate and Declaration of Performance.

### PENALTIES

Failure to follow the CPR can result in penalties that include suspension notices, prohibition notices, notices to warn, forfeiture and may also include fines, imprisonment or both.

For more information on CE marking, see [www.planningportal.gov.uk/buildingregulations/buildingpolicyandlegislation/cpr](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/buildingregulations/buildingpolicyandlegislation/cpr).



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