

International konference den 17. og 18. oktober i Luxemburg

Fire Safety in the Single Market - The CPD in Operation

Dansk Forening for Passiv Brandsikring

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The above is the title of a conference to be held in Luxembourg on October 17/18 promoted by the European Association for Passive Fire Protection supported by the European Commission. This conference will be of vital importance to all those involved in building fire safety and will include speakers from the Commission and leading testing and industry bodies as well as reports into many fire safety matters.

The European Construction Products Directive (CPD) requires that there should be an open border policy in the EU for building products and materials. It requires that the building works using these products conform to the 6 "Essential Requirements" and ER2 relates to "Safety in Case of Fire".

To enable trade in such products to take place, technical barriers to trade must be removed and so Euro Norm (EN) test methods that are acceptable to all member states are being put in place. The process of development of these ENs is now well advanced and many have been passed to the member states for implementation.

Products that perform within these test methods will be marked with a CE mark to indicate their intended use and performance. It is expected that a very high percentage of all building products, not just specialist materials, will require this indication of their fire performance in the future.

The technical details of the ENs are now largely complete so the Conference will concentrate on the practical implementation of the CPD for Reaction to Fire and Fire Resistance of products, the addition of the CE mark and its value to users. Further sessions will examine Fire Safety Engineering of buildings, the influence of Eurocodes and the future of regulation.

Four Conference Sessions

The organizers wish to encourage delegates to comment on and discuss the proposed regulatory regime with leaders of the bodies involved in its design and implementation during the four conference sessions.

The first session will look at how the CPD will influence not only the design of specialist fire protection products, but building products as a whole and examine the challenge for installers of such products.

In the second session the question will be asked “Does the CPD improve safety in case of fire” and during this session the view of the fire fighter of both the value of fire safe products and fire engineered buildings will be examined along with the views of the insurer.

Later in session two the actual level of fire safety within public buildings will be examined in a paper on existing fire safety standards in European Hotels following a special study of these buildings for the European Tourist Industry. Finally all the speakers in this session and the delegates will debate a paper that explores the proposal that a Europe wide body should be established to advise the Commission on fire safety matters.

Day two of the conference will look at the regulatory regime that will apply to building products where fire safety is concerned and will start with a review of the objectives of the whole process from the European Commission. The Commission will then explain the role of the Notified Bodies that will assess the fire performance of building products and the European Organisation for Testing and Approvals who will be responsible for many standards and the laboratories that will undertake the testing will explain their roles in the process. Having established the mechanism for the approval of products and the free cross border trade the consequences for the industry will then be examined.

The final session will see how the products that have been developed will fit in with future building design as Eurocodes are developed for their use. There will also be an interim report in this session on the status of Fire Safety Engineering in Europe as examined in a report commissioned by the EC.

At the end of the debate that follows the papers in day two, M.Vincente Leoz-Arguilles, Head of DG V of the Commission, will summarize the conference discussions and any recommendations that may be made.

Full details of the programme, speakers, and attendance may be obtained through the EAPFP, 235 Ash Road, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 4DD
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