CE Marking for Plastic Piping Systems

This statement is intended as a guide for designers, stockists and users of plastic piping systems that are manufactured to European standards.

1. Introduction of the Construction Products Regulations

On the 1st July 2013, the Construction Products Directive was superseded by the Construction Products Regulations (CPR). This means that for construction products placed on the market in the European Economic Area (EEA) and either covered by a harmonised European standard (hEN) or conforming to a European Assessment Document (EAD), a Declaration of Performance has to be drawn up and the products need to be CE marked.

2. Situation for plastic piping systems

The necessary harmonised European standards are not yet cited in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This means that it is currently not possible and not legal to apply CE marking to, or issue a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for, plastic piping systems in any of the following applications:

- Non-pressure soil and waste discharge
- Underground non-pressure drainage and sewerage
- Buried and above ground conveyance of liquids under pressure
- Hot and cold water distribution

CE marking is also not allowed for plastic piping for rainwater downpipes and gutters.

3. What does this mean for you?

Plastic piping systems can still be specified, sold and used to existing recognised product standards as done until now, in all Member States. This does not change.

We will endeavour to keep you updated with the situation regarding CE marking relative to plastic piping systems. Be assured that products manufactured by our members are meeting all the requirements, and are covered by the approvals necessary to stock, sell, install or use throughout Europe.