NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment 15 Stout Street, Wellington 6011 PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140 New Zealand Phone +64 4 472 0030 or +64 4 917 0199 Fax +64 4 473 4638 or +64 4 917 0190 [info@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mbie.govt.nz) <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/>  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Standards New Zealand Phone: +64 4 498 5990 Email: [wto@standards.co.nz](mailto:wto@standards.co.nz)  Website: [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** The proposed regulations apply to products identified as either a "building product" or "building method". "Building product" means a product that could reasonably be expected to be used as a component of a building. "Building method" means a method for using one or more products or things as part of building work. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Discussion Document: Building System Reform (127 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** New Zealand is proposing regulations in relation to building products and methods. There are three key aspects to the regulations:  Building Product Information Requirements (new mandatory regulations), Modular Component Manufacturer Certification Scheme (new voluntary scheme), and Product Certification Scheme (modification of existing voluntary scheme).  **Building Product Information Requirements**  The new primary legislation will enable regulations to be made that specify a minimum level of information that must be provided by manufacturers or suppliers of building products, as well as the form and manner in which the information must be provided.  Specific requirements are proposed for information related to building product compliance with the New Zealand Building Code to ensure that consistent information is provided to support building product users to carry out their role. Proposals made in the discussion document include:   * supply chain responsibilities to meet Building Product Information Requirements * content of information to be provided about building products * supply chain data and information standards * transition period.   **Modular component manufacturers scheme**  The proposed modular component manufacturer certification scheme is a new voluntary scheme that will provide more efficient and consistent building consent approaches for manufacturers that are able to meet quality assurance and performance standards. These manufacturers will also have a demonstrated ability to produce modular components that comply with the New Zealand Building Code.  **Product Certification Scheme**  New Zealand's product certification scheme, CodeMark, is an existing, voluntary scheme that allows building products and methods to be certified. Building consent authorities must rely on a CodeMark certificate as proof that the product or method complies with the New Zealand Building Code (if the conditions on the certificate have been met. Proposed changes to the scheme will:   * implement registration requirements for product certification bodies * implement registration requirements for certificates * improve scheme requirements for product certification body accreditation * strengthen requirements for product certification body audits and reviews of certificates. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:**  The primary legislation and proposed regulations seek to:   * address gaps and weak incentives in the regulation of building products and methods * lift the quality of building work and provide fairer outcomes if things go wrong * address barriers and delays for more innovative ways of off-site manufacturing * strengthen the current framework for product certification.   Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Building (Building Products and Methods, Modular Components, and Other Matters) Amendment Bill previously notified * Discussion document: Building System Reform <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/building-system-reform/> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Regulations for the modular component manufacturer certification scheme and the product certification scheme will commence as soon as the regulations are made (no later than 15 months from the date of Royal assent of the Building (Building Products and Methods, Modular Components, and Other Matters) Amendment Bill).  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Regulations for Building Product Information Requirements will also be made no later 15 months from the date of Royal assent of the Bill. However, an 18 month transitional period is proposed as part of the Building Product Information Requirements in order to provide the sector with sufficient time to make the changes required to their systems and processes. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 2 July 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The Building (Building Products and Methods, Modular Components, and Other Matters) Amendment Bill is available at [www.legislation.govt.nz.](http://www.legislation.govt.nz.)  The discussion document is available at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/building-system-reform/> |