

Transitional Arrangements for compliance with Approved Document L Conservation of fuel and power 2010.

Following the publication of the revised Approved Document L in April 2010, there are transitional arrangements for the window and door industry regarding compliance to these new regulations. We make reference to the following:

Communities and Local Government Circular 06/2010

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

9. The new Approved Documents, compliance guides, and the approvals set out at paragraph 7 above come into effect on 1 October 2010. However, their application is subject to the transitional provisions in the Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/719) which are explained in Circular 03/2010.

Communities and Local Government Circular 03/2010 dated 16 March 2010

There are three transitional provisions:

i. Where building work has started before 1 October 2010, the work may continue as if the amendments in the Amendment Regulations had not been made.

ii. Where a contract for work has been agreed and the all the building work would fall within the types of work set out in Schedule 2A or Schedule 2B to the Building Regulations, the work may be carried out as if the amendments in the Amendment Regulations had not been made provided that the work begins before 6 April 2011.

(n.b. Replacement windows and doors in domestic properties are listed under schedule 2A of the Building Regulations 2000: Statutory Instrument 2002 No. 440).

iii. Where a building notice, an initial notice, a plans certificate and amendment notice or a public body's notice has been given, or full plans submitted, before 1 October 2010, the work may be carried out as if the amendments in the Amendment Regulations had not been made provided that the work begins before 1 October 2011.

The GGF understand that this guidance mean the following:

I. Domestic replacement window and door companies using the competent persons or LABC route to register compliance.

Contracts signed before 1 October 2010, can comply with ADLIB 2006 guidance, as long as installation work starts before 6 April 2011.

All contracts signed after 1 October must comply with the ADLIB 2010 guidance.

2. New build and replacement market (domestic and non domestic) where Building Control have provided approval.

If the Building Control notice is issued before 1 October 2010; the installation can comply with the 2006 edition of Approved Document L, as long as installation work commences by 1 October 2011. Any notices issued after 1 October 2010 must comply with the 2010 Approved Document L guidance.

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