

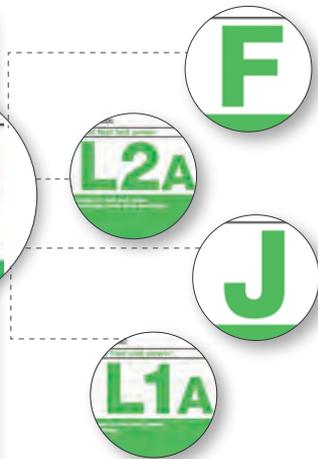
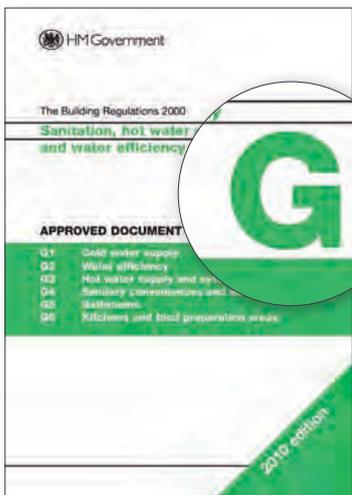
A QUICK
GUIDE TO

Building Regulations

And how they can seriously help your business



“THE PREVIOUS PIECEMEAL WAY OF REVIEWING THE REGULATIONS made it difficult for industry and the building control service alike to keep abreast of [the] regulatory changes.” So reads the department of Communities and Local Government’s (CLG) own report *Future of Building Control*, published in September 2009. Many within the industry remain unaware of the CLG’s new implementation plan, providing marketers with a golden opportunity to help and impress specifiers – and gain a potential head-start over the competition.



How it will work

The 56-page document sets out the CLG’s commitment to a systematic new way of reviewing Building Regulations, to be known as the ‘periodic review process’. It pledges that technical parts of the regulations will henceforth be reviewed in three-yearly cycles, commencing in 2010, and identifies the criteria to be used in assessing the need for change. Recognising the benefits of joined-up thinking, it also promises to consider the implications

of changes to one part of the regulations on others.

New regulations will now come into force in April or October of each year following a period of consultation and a six-month lead-in period, during which they will be available in draft format. The CLG’s planning portal www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding includes links to all Documents as well as the *Future of Building Control* itself

A ‘two-cycle rule’ will mean that no part will normally be revised more frequently than once every two cycles, or six years. Two exceptions to this are Parts L (Conservation of fuel and power) and F (Ventilation), which are scheduled to be revised in 2010, 2013 and 2016 as part of the UK’s commitment to zero-carbon new homes.

New Approved Document G

Approved Document G (Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency) came into force in April 2010. It applies to the extension and material alteration of existing buildings, and all new buildings (and building designs) approved after 6 April 2010, except where work had already commenced, or a plans certificate issued, before 6 April 2010.

On their way – new Approved Documents F, J and L

Revised Parts F (Ventilation), J (Combustion appliances and fuel

storage systems) and Advanced Documents L1A, L1B, L2A and L2B (Conservation of fuel and power) are scheduled to come into force in October 2010.

How to capitalise

The inevitably hiatus as busy specifiers gradually acquaint themselves to the new procedures provides a window of opportunity to marketers. CPD seminars might be adapted to include reference to the periodic review process, thereby building trust and genuinely helping clients. Technical pages on ribaproductselector.com may be updated to flag products’ compliance with new – and anticipated – changes. Website copy, sponsored features (on the NBS.com for example) and emailed product updates (such as RIBA Insight’s *select*) can be themed around the Building Regulations, and of course linked to relevant products and services.

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