

CE Marking Q&A for Window Installers

What is CE Marking?

The letters CE stand for “Conformité Européenne” which means “European Conformity”. It is a declaration by the manufacturer that his product meets the requirements of the relevant standards which are recognised across Europe. The new legislation has been ratified, effectively making CE Marking mandatory for all construction products covered by the CPR (Construction Products Regulation). This regulation is EU law, being adopted by all member states including the UK.

Q. What is changing?

CE Marking will become mandatory in the UK from 1st July 2013 as set out in the Construction Products Regulation 2011. Therefore any window or external door product (without resistance to fire and/or smoke leakage characteristics) not CE Marked after this date cannot legally be placed on the market.

Q. Who is responsible for CE Marking?

A. Everyone in the supply chain has a responsibility to cascade the correct data, but the organisation who places the complete product on the market is responsible for affixing the CE Mark and accompanying information. In conclusion this is the organisation that brings the frame and glass together. This organisation is described as the ‘manufacturer’.

Q. I am an installer who purchases unglazed windows.

A. If you are an installer who purchases unglazed frames and glazed units separately, you are classed as the manufacturer and have responsibility for affixing the CE Mark and accompanying information.

Q. I am an installer who purchases glazed windows.

A. If you are an installer who purchases glazed frames, whilst you are not absolved of all responsibility you will not be required to affix the CE Mark and accompanying information. However you will have a responsibility to ensure that the CE Mark and information is available so that you can cascade it to the purchaser.

Q. What should I do next?

Please see the box on the right.



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How do I CE Mark my products?

The following information explains the procedures you need to take to CE Mark your products:

1. Visit www.cdwsystems.co.uk and log-in to the CE Marking area using your unique user name and password
2. Fill in the Declaration of Performance (DoP), choosing the correct product and inputting your contact details
3. Print off your DoP and affix your CE marking label to your product

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CE MARKING HAS TO BE COMPLETED AND IN PLACE BY 1st JULY 2013.

For more information on CE Marking call CDW Systems today on **01452 414 853** or visit www.cdwsystems.co.uk