



POSITION PAPER

CEIR comments regarding the application of Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 to valves and taps

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ONLY PRODUCTS THAT ARE COVERED BY HARMONISED STANDARDS ARE IN THE SCOPE OF THE CPR

Regulation 305/2011/EU of European Parliament and Council, laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products, entered into force on 1 July 2013.

When a construction product is put on the EU market, the Regulation requires that the product is accompanied by a Declaration of its Performance (DoP) and that the CE mark is affixed to it, if the construction product in question is covered by a harmonised European product standard in application of Regulation 305/2011/EU, or if it is covered by a European Technical Assessment (ETA).

1. Products in the scope of Regulation 305/2011/EU

CEIR has identified the following categories of equipment in its field of activity as being covered by a European harmonised standard in application of Regulation 305/2011/EU:

- Manually operated ball valves and closed bottom taper plug valves for gas installations for buildings (harmonised standard: EN 331+A1)
- Non-return valves for faecal-free wastewater and wastewater containing faecal matter (harmonised standard: EN 12050-4)
- Anti-flooding devices for buildings (drainage) – Part 1 : requirements (harmonised standard: EN 13564-1)
- Underground fire hydrants (harmonised standard: EN 14339)
- Pillar fire hydrants (harmonised standard: EN 14384)

2. Products out of the scope of Regulation 305/2011/EU

There is so far NO harmonised standard for products in contact with drinking water. Work and discussions are ongoing with regard to these products but have not been finalised yet.

For instance, **the following products are not covered by a harmonised European standard** for Regulation 305/2011/EU: sanitary taps, stop valves, check valves, safety groups...

Consequently, companies which are putting such equipment on the market, or any equipment which is not covered by a harmonised standard or a European Technical Assessment, are not required to apply Regulation 305/2011 as of 1 July 2013 for such equipment. In particular, the supply of a Declaration of Performance is not mandatory, and the products need not bear the CE mark under the Construction Products Regulation.

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The European Taps and Valves Association (CEIR) was formed in 1959 as the European federation of national manufacturer associations. CEIR gathers together a large number of European manufacturers in the field of valves and fittings. CEIR supports the principles of a free economy and private enterprise in Europe as well as on a global basis. CEIR represents the common economic, technical and scientific interests of the European valve industries, in particular towards international authorities and economic and commercial circles.