

BS EN 14351: A NUMBER TO BE WARY OF!!

A previous newsletter in November 2006 outlined the effects of the introduction of the BS EN 14351 Standard. A further newsletter in September 2008 gave details of its requirements and indicated that you will need to comply with the Standard by February 2009, if you manufacture windows/doors.

A 12 month extension to that compliance date was given during 2008 with a new **requirement to comply by February 2010.**

To make things simple and clear.....

**IF
YOU
MANUFACTURE
WINDOWS / DOORS**

YOU WILL HAVE TO COMPLY

**WITH BS EN 14351
BY FEBRUARY 2010**

As indicated previously the system is one of 'self-declaration' eg: no third party will come around and audit you, but if you don't comply and someone i.e your competitor advises Trading Standards, you will get a visit from them..... so you have been warned.



There are only four mandatory requirements for the UK and these are:

Clause 4.6 Dangerous Substances

A letter can be obtained from Duraflex indicating that PVC will not cause any detrimental emission or migration during normal intended uses which are potentially dangerous to hygiene, health or the environment. You may wish to get a similar letter from your other suppliers (trims, etc)

Clause 4.8 Load bearing capacity of safety devices

You must obtain from your suppliers of products with restrictors, safety devices etc a copy of report or confirmation that the products have been tested to EN 14609 or EN948 or by calculation to comply with minimum loading requirements.

Clause 4.12 Thermal transmittance

You are required to have evidence of thermal transmittance for the products you sell via either 'hot-box' testing or simulations to ISO 10077. (a word of warning a standard BFRC WER simulation does not meet the Standard requirements).

Clause 7.3 Factory production Control

You will be required to have systems and procedures in place to cover the production function, this typically will be in the format of an 'operational manual' whether hard copy or electronic.



Once compliance can be demonstrated, CE marking will be available if required.

If you require the services of a consultant to assist Cen Solutions are more than versed in the requirements but don't leave it too late as they and other consultants will become busy as the date draws nearer.

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