

Information on the Construction Products Regulation

As has been widely reported in the media, a new **Construction Products Regulation (CPR)** has been passed at the European level to establish harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products.

The CPR (EU Regulation No. 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 4 April 2011 and entered fully into effect on 1 July 2013.

It completely replaces the previous Construction Products Directive (CPD) from the year 1988. The new regulation is immediately applicable in every EU Member State.

The CPR lays down conditions for the **placing or making available on the European market** of construction products by establishing harmonised rules on how to **express the performance** of construction products in relation to their essential characteristics and on the use of **CE marking** on those products.

It therefore applies only to products for which harmonised rules exist (in other words, a European standard or a European technical specification).

This **does not apply to Werzalit products for the construction sector**. All Werzalit construction products are manufactured as moulded parts via the patented Werzalit process and are therefore **not the subject of European standardisation**.

For this reason, **no declaration of performance** need be created, no assessment and verification of the constancy of performance takes place and therefore also **no labelling with the CE mark**.

These construction products fall outside the scope of regulation according to the German **Building Rules List Part C** (see attachment 1).

Some **Werzalit construction elements** are delivered as special variants in a **low-flammability design**. A national technical approval (Z-56.275-1127 from 6 May 2008) according to the German standard DIN 4102 B1 exists regarding the fire behaviour of these parts that requires internal and third-party monitoring of the production process.

This is confirmed with the conformity mark (**Ü-Zeichen**); however, this involves a German regulation and/or standard that does not fall under the scope of the CPR of the EU.

The following applies with regard to our **square** balcony cladding panels:

These panels are laminate panels according to DIN EN 438-7, and a declaration of performance with corresponding verifications is required; this is provided separately.

The following applies with regard to our **terrazza BZ** terrace profiles:

A national technical approval (Z-10.9-434 from 14 June 2012) from the Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik exists for the use of these profiles as load-bearing balcony floors that requires internal and third-party monitoring.

This is confirmed with the conformity mark (**Ü-Zeichen**); however, this involves a German regulation that does not fall under the scope of the CPR of the EU.

The same is true with regard to other **national approvals** in France and other countries on the basis of national building regulations.

If the legal situation changes or **new regulations** or standards enter into effect, we will produce corresponding documentation without prompting. The current documents can also be found in the download section of our website at **www.werzalit.com**.

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Attachment 1 (excerpt from the Building Rules List 2013/1)

List C

This list applies only to those construction products and applications for which only normal flammability (DIN 4102-B2 or class E according to DIN EN 13501-1) is required according to construction regulations and no requirements exist concerning sound and thermal insulation.

2 Construction products for exterior finishing

2.1 Façade elements (including their fastening elements) for exterior wall cladding that are fastened according to generally accepted construction practices

- with small-format façade elements with $\leq 0.4 \text{ m}^2$ area and $\leq 5 \text{ kg}$ dead weight
- with board-shaped façade elements with $\leq 0.3 \text{ m}$ width and support running through the sub-framework at intervals of $\leq 0.8 \text{ m}$

2.4 Non-load-bearing and non-reinforcing frames of window and door openings, window sills and their fastening elements

2.10 Infill elements for fencing including fastening elements:

- panel-shaped infill elements with support intervals $\leq 1.0 \text{ m}$, with the exception of products made of glass
- tension cable systems affixed underneath a load-bearing hand rail or balustrade bar as infill with span widths $\leq 2.0 \text{ m}$