

THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS (CERTIFICATES AND
INSPECTIONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

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Response Form for Consultees

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RESPONSE FORM FOR CONSULTEES

The Department will consider all responses to this consultation received on or before the closing date for receipt of responses which is **4 February 2014 @ 4:00 pm**.

Submissions made after this date will not be considered.

We would be grateful if you would use e-mail to return the completed Response Form to: noeleen.o'neill@dfpni.gov.uk

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COMPLETION OF THE RESPONSE FORM

Please refer to the Consultation Document which outlines the proposed amendments and which accompanies this Response Form. The questions in this response form are based on the intent of the proposals to implement a number of articles in the recast Energy Performance of Buildings 2010/31/EU (EPBD2) requirements.

These documents are available at: www.epb.dfpni.gov.uk

Consultees are encouraged to respond on any aspects of the proposals. However, the Department would welcome answers to and comments on the questions in this Response Form.

For ease of use, questions on the proposals have been separated into the corresponding Parts of the 2008 Regulations requiring amendment.

Click on the box (or insert an "x") beside "Yes", "No", or "No view" as appropriate. It is not essential to give an answer to every question. The last question is completely open to enable consultees to make suggestions or observations that do not fit into the preceding questions.

Please make any comments you might have in the box provided. If you disagree with any of the proposals the Department would be interested to know why you disagree.

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RESPONDENT DETAILS

In order for your response to be considered valid, you must provide the following information:

Name	
Organisation (if any)	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Are you responding as an individual?

Or are you representing the views of an organisation?

Responses to this consultation may be made available to the Northern Ireland Assembly, or for public inspection, either at the Building Standards Branch office or website.

You have the option of indicating that you wish your response to remain confidential and the Department will generally respect that request. Should it be decided that the public interest must override that request the Department will contact you before disclosure and, if appropriate, provide an opportunity for your response to be withdrawn.

Is your response confidential? Yes No

QUESTIONS

Proposed amendments to the 2008 Regulations

The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Regulations) defines certain terms.

It is proposed to define “building element” as “a technical building system or a thermal element of the building envelope”. (Refer to 4.1 of the consultation proposals).

1.1 *Do you agree with the proposal to define “building element” as set out in the consultation proposals?*

Yes

No

No view

Comments (if any):

As a consequence of defining “building element” it is necessary to define “thermal element”. The proposal is that “thermal element” will be defined with reference to the meaning assigned to it in the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012. (Refer to 4.1 of the consultation proposals).

1.2 *Do you agree with the proposal to define “thermal element” as set out in the consultation proposals?*

Yes

No

No view

Comments (if any):

It is proposed to re-insert the previously deleted Regulation 7 on recommendation reports. The new regulation would then require that a recommendation report shall include recommended cost-effective measures that could be carried out in connection with a major renovation of the building envelope or technical building systems. (Refer to 4.2 of the consultation proposals).

1.3. *Do you agree with this proposal?*

Yes

No

No view

Comments (if any):

It is proposed that recommendation reports in the new Regulation 7 shall include recommended cost-effective measures for individual building elements that could be carried out without the necessity for a major renovation of the building envelope or technical building systems. (Refer to 4.2 of the consultation proposals.)

1.4. *Do you agree with the proposal?*

Yes

No

No view

Comments (if any):

It is proposed that the new Regulation 7 will also include the wording “Any cost-effective measure which the energy assessor recommends must be technically feasible for the building to which the recommendation report relates.” (Refer to 4.2 of the consultation proposals.)

1.5. *Do you agree with this proposal?*

Yes

No

No view

Comments (if any):

It is proposed to amend Regulation 8A to ensure that where an EPC has been issued pursuant to Regulation 6 (on construction), that the occupier shall ensure it is displayed in a prominent place, clearly visible to members of the public. (Refer to 4.3 of the consultation proposals.)

1.6 *Do you agree with this proposal?*

Yes

No

No view

Comments (if any):

1.7 Please provide, in the box below, any general comments you may wish to make about the proposals for amendments to the 2008 Regulations.