

## Section 1: Materials

- 1.1 Building work must meet the functional requirements of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations. Approved documents refer to **materials** covered by harmonised European product standards, British Standards and other technical specifications. However, there is no obligation to adopt any particular solution contained in an approved document in order to meet functional requirements; the references are not exclusive and other **materials** may be suitable in the particular circumstances.

### Ways of establishing the fitness of materials

- 1.2 You can assess the suitability of a **material** for use for a specific purpose in a number of ways, as described in paragraphs 1.3 to 1.21.

#### CE marking under the Construction Products Regulation

- 1.3 Many **materials** are construction products that have CE marking under the Construction Products Regulation (305/2011/EU-CPR).

The Construction Products Regulation requires that construction products on the EU market covered by a harmonised European product standard should normally have CE marking. In addition, manufacturers of products not covered by a harmonised standard can choose to affix CE marking to their products by obtaining a **European Technical Assessment**.

**NOTE:** You can find a list of the harmonised product standards under the Construction Products Regulation on the **NANDO** information system website at <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newapproach/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=cpd.hs>.

- 1.4 CE marking includes the reference of the product standard and the levels or classes of performance being declared against some or all of the characteristics covered by the standard. The CE marking should be on the product, its label, the packaging or accompanying documents. The CE symbol by itself does not necessarily indicate that the **material** is suitable for the building work.
- 1.5 In addition to CE marking, the product will have a declaration of performance containing more detailed information on the product. This may be a paper or electronic document, or it may be on a website.

It is essential to check that the declared performance is suitable for the building works.

- 1.6 In the absence of indications to the contrary, the **building control body** should assume that the information given in the CE marking and declaration of performance is accurate and reliable, and that the product meets the declared performance.
- 1.7 If the declared performance of a product is suitable for its intended use, the **building control body** should not prohibit or impede the use of the product.

#### CE marking under other EU directives and regulations

- 1.8 Products may have CE marking under European legislation such as the Gas Appliances Directive or the Pressure Equipment Directive. Such CE marking shows that the product meets the essential requirements set out in the legislation – for example, minimum safety requirements – and can be placed on the EU market.