

FACTA INFORMATION SHEET

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION

The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) comes into force on 1st July 2013 at which point it will become a legal requirement for any construction product manufactured under the Scope of a harmonised European Standard (hEN) to be CE marked in accordance with the CPR and failure to comply will be a criminal offence. It is also illegal to falsely CE mark products that are not covered by an appropriate hEN.

BS EN 124:1994 *Gully Tops and Manhole Tops for Vehicular and Pedestrian Areas – Design requirements, type testing, marking and quality control* – this is the current published European standard for manhole covers and gully tops up to a clear opening of 1000mm and is currently NOT a harmonised European standard (hEN) and therefore not subject to CE marking under the CPR at the present time. However, this standard is currently under review and only when the review process is complete will CE marking apply. The timescales are as yet uncertain, but unlikely to be mandatory before 2015.

BS 9124:2008 *Specification for Steel and Aluminium Access Cover Systems with over 1 m Clear Opening* – this is a UK national standard and is not a harmonised European standard. Products manufactured to BS 9124 are not subject to CE marking under the CPR.

BS 5834 *Surface Boxes, Guards, and underground Chambers for the purposes of Utilities; Part 1: Specification for Guards and Plinths; Part 2: Specification for Surface Boxes; Part 4: Specification for Utility Chambers* – this is a UK national standard and is not a harmonised European standard. Products manufactured to BS 5834 are not subject to CE marking under the CPR.

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