

TEPPFA Position Statement on CE marking for plastic piping systems under the Construction Products Regulation (CPR 2024/3110)

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This statement provides guidance for designers, stockists, and users of Plastic Piping Systems manufactured to European standards under the Construction Products Regulation (CPR 2024/3110).

1. The EU Construction Products Regulation

Plastic pipes and fittings are classified as construction products and thus, fall within the scope of *Regulation (EU)* 2024/3110 laying down harmonised rules for the marketing of construction products, referred to as the "Construction Products Regulation" (CPR).

Regulation (EU) 2024/3110, which repeals Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, applies to construction products covered by harmonised standards or EADs (European Assessment Documents) referenced in the Official Journal of the EU (OJEU).

The new CPR 2024 introduces a structured transition timeframe:

- Entry into force: 7 January 2025
- Application of most provisions: from 8 January 2026
- Full transition period until 8 January 2040 (by which CPR-2011 will be fully repealed)

Under CPR 2024, CE marking, a Declaration of Performance and Conformity (DoPC), and a Digital Product Passport (DPP) are applicable when a product is covered by a harmonised technical specification or an ETA. Where such documents are not available, CE marking and related declarations are not applicable under the regulation.

2. Current framework for plastics piping systems

As the necessary harmonised technical specifications are not available for plastic piping products, it is currently not possible and not legal to apply a CE marking and issue a DoPC for plastic piping systems under CPR-2024 or CPR-2011 based on harmonised standards.

Plastic piping systems continue to be governed by national or European recognised product standards. Until new harmonised standards are adopted under CPR 2024, these products can be marketed and used across the EU under existing regulatory and performance frameworks.

These include plastic piping systems intended for:

- Non-pressure soil and waste discharge
- Underground non-pressure drainage and sewerage
- Buried and above-ground conveyance of liquids under pressure
- Hot and cold water distribution

Other applications such as rainwater downpipes and gutters, similarly continue to be governed under current standards and market access pathways.

The plastic pipe sector encourages cooperation with standardisation committees and anticipates contributing positively to sustainability criteria and digital product frameworks that will support CE marking in the future.

While CE marking and DPPs will become available when harmonised technical specifications are published, the industry remains engaged to ensure a smooth and timely transition.

3. What does this mean for stakeholders?

Stakeholders can continue to specify, sell, and use plastic piping systems in full compliance with existing national or European product standards. The regulatory framework remains stable during the transition to CPR 2024.

Conclusion

The plastic piping industry remains compliant and future ready.

As harmonised standards and technical specifications are updated or developed, the industry will be well-positioned to integrate CE marking, DoPC, and DPP as part of future product declarations.

Stakeholders are encouraged to continue business as usual under recognised standards while being prepared for the adoption of new CPR 2024 provisions as harmonised specifications become available.

About TEPPFA

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