



CE Marking For Natural Stone – 18 Months On

A Quick Recap

On 1st July 2013 CE Marking for natural stone became a mandated obligation for all 31 countries within the EEA (European Economic Area), including the UK.

It was introduced because the Construction Products Regulation (CPR), which superseded the Construction Products Directive as the governing standard for the European construction industry, imposes an obligation on suppliers to prove their products are 'fit for purpose'.

The CE Mark is the accepted standard for suppliers to prove the 'fitness for purpose' of their products and thereby enable new buildings to comply with the Basic Works Requirements within the CPR. **Any building that uses natural stone without CE Marking will contravene the CPR which could have serious legal consequences for both the design team and the client.**

How To Protect You PI

To help architects understand the implications of CE Marking for natural stone, last year we published a summary of the key factors in our report: **How To Protect Your PI: Conforming to CE Marking Legislation**. It answers the following questions in a concise, one-page document:

1. What is CE Marking?
2. Does CE Marking apply to the stone industry?
3. Who is responsible for CE Marking?
4. Who will it impact?
5. What should I ask for?

Where Are We Now?

A year has passed since then and we are finding that some architects are still not fully aware that **CE Marking for natural stone is a legal requirement**, not an optional extra. Even if your specification conforms to UK Building Regulations, if it does not address CE certification and therefore, stone without the required CE Marking is used during construction, you and your client, may fall foul of the CPR.

Who Polices It?

Ultimately it is the UK government's responsibility to ensure compliance with the CPR. The duty for policing it lies with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) who use Trading Standards to enforce it. While Trading Standards did not report any high profile, non-compliance cases in the first year, it may well happen at some stage in the future.

What Should You Do Now?

If you are considering Portland stone, to ensure compliance with the CPR, **contact us** for the CE certificates you need. They can also be downloaded on **our website**.

How To Protect You PI can still be downloaded **here**.