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THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2000

THE BUILDING (APPROVED INSPECTORS ETC)
REGULATIONS 2000

- **POSTPONEMENT OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE TO PART G AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2000 AND PROVISIONS IN THE BUILDING (APPROVED INSPECTORS ETC) REGULATIONS 2000 BY THE BUILDING AND APPROVED INSPECTORS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2009**
- **POSTPONMENT OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE REQUIREMENT NOT TO EXCEED THE WATER EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE POTENTIAL CONSUMPTION OF WHOLESOME WATER IN NEW DWELLINGS**
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- **POSTPONEMENT OF THE COMING INTO EFFECT OF APPROVED DOCUMENT G (SANITATION, HOT WATER SAFETY AND WATER EFFICIENCY)**
- **REVISION OF THE DATES RELEVANT TO THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN THE BUILDING AND APPROVED INSPECTORS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2009**

INTRODUCTION

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to draw your attention to the Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2465) which were made on 8 September 2009 and will come into force on 30 September 2009.
2. These Regulations do not impose substantive requirements and consequently have not required formal consultation under section 14(3) of the Building Act 1984
3. The purpose of this Circular is to:
 - draw attention to the amendments made by these Regulations and explain the changes they make to the coming into force dates of amendments made to Building Regulations 2000 and the Building (Approved Inspectors etc) Regulations 2000 by the Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1219) and the Building (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2009 (S.I.2009/2397);
 - draw attention to the corresponding amendments to the dates in the transitional provisions in the Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2009 made by these Regulations; and
 - announce that the approval of Approved Document G (Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency) which was published in draft on 13 May 2009 will not now come into force until 6 April 2010.

POSTPONEMENT OF COMING INTO FORCE DATES

4. The Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I.2009/1219) and the Building (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2000/2397) were both to come into force on 1 October 2009. These Amendment Regulations postpone the coming into force date for both those regulations to 6 April 2010.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN THE BUILDING AND APPROVED INSPECTORS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2009

5. The postponement of the coming into force date by six months is accompanied by corresponding provision that all dates in the transitional provisions are also put back by six months, i.e.
 - for 1 October 2009 in the transitional provisions, substitute 6 April 2010;
 - for 6 April 2010 in the transitional provisions, substitute 1 October 2010; and
 - for 1 October 2010 in the transitional provisions, substitute 6 April 2011.
6. The explanation of the transitional provisions in *Communities and Local Government Circular 05/2009* should be amended accordingly.

APPROVED DOCUMENT G (SANITATION, HOT WATER SAFETY AND WATER EFFICIENCY)

7. The new Approved Document G was intended to take effect on the same day as the Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and the Building (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2009 were to come into force. As the changes made by those regulations will not now come into force until 6 April 2010, the revised Approved Document will not come into effect until that date either.

REVISED PUBLICATION WATER EFFICIENCY CALCULATOR FOR NEW BUILDINGS

8. A new edition of the *Water Efficiency Calculator for New Dwellings* has been published in September 2009. However, its use for the purposes of regulation 17K of the Building Regulations is postponed until 6 April 2010, the same date that regulation 17K itself will now come into force.

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