



Dear Sirs,

A new European Regulation (UE305/2011) has to be applied from July 1st 2013 for all construction products.

This Regulation states new requirements relative to marketing and CE marking. It concerns products which are incorporated in a permanent manner in construction works : some of our products are therefore concerned.

Concerning anchors and resins :

For all structural and safety applications, the harmonized Standard EN1992-4-4:part 4 of Eurocode 2, imposes sizing calculations and the use of products bearing the CE marking.

Structural and safety applications can be defined as follows :

- *Structural application* : any fixing contributing to the rigidity of the building or structure : Structural post, anchoring base plate, reinforcement rebars, framing/roofing, precast elements ...
- *Safety application* : any fixing liable to cause a real human or economic risk. Guardrails, safety barrier, lifting equipment, heavy cable trays, racks,



From July 1st, the products with CE marking must have an ET-Approval (European Technical Approval) or an ET-Assessment (European Technical Assessment) . As a matter of fact, for new products, the ET-Approval will be replaced by the ET-Assessment. Current AT-Approvals remain valid until the expiry date and will have then to be replaced by ET-Assessments.

In addition, a DoP (Declaration of Performance) will have to be provided with the product.

The DoP is the commitment from the manufacturer, stating that his product complies with its declared performances. It indicates also the field of use of the product, for a better use information.

The manufacturers are responsible for delivering the DOP with the product in the language required by the State Member where the product is made available. For what concerns the distributors, before placing the product on the market, they shall ensure that the product is accompanied by the document supplied by manufacturers.



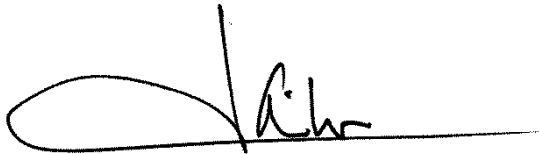
In this frame, we confirm that for all SPIT anchors and resins bearing the CE marking, the DOP will be made available through a Flash Code easily identified thanks to the CE mark, which will be printed on each installation sheet inside each packaging. In addition, DOP will be available on request at all local customer services or web sites.

Regarding Wood Nails sold under Paslode brand name and which are submitted to the compulsory CE marking, all the DOP will be available on the site www.itwcp-techdocs.eu and identified by a unique number mentioned on the label of each product.

The regulation UE305/2011 applying only to the product incorporated in a permanent manner in the building, the tooling ranges (drilling, cutting, nailing) are not concerned. In addition to these arrangements, **the DOP of all Spit and Paslode products covered by this new European Regulation will be available on simple request** at all local customer services or web sites.

In order to help you in the communication to your end users of these new rules and obligations, you will find attached a FAQ page.

Best regards

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CE marking FAQ

CPR says that ETAs will disappear

ETA will be changed into ET-Assessments. Whilst ET-Approvals expire in 5 years, ET-Assessments will have no expiry date, and will be issued in a new format.

Existing ETAs will not be valid after 1st of July 2013

No ! Existing ETAs are valid until their expiry date. After that, if he wishes a renewal, the manufacturer can apply for a new ET-Assessment.

National Certifications can substitute, coexist or be considered as an alternative to the CE marking in certain EU member states

No ! Certifications on product performances as declared in the DoP are not allowed after 1st of July. The CE marking shall be the only marking. Member States shall withdraw National references and shall not prohibit or impede within the territories the circulation of products bearing the CE Marking.

Is there a transitional period between the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and the Construction Products Directive (CPD) ?

No ! The CPR enters into full force for all European Member States on 1st July 2013. The original legislation came into force in March 2011 with specific articles applying from 1st July 2013 to permit all stakeholders time to conform to the CPR by the time it comes into full effect.

Frequently Asked Questions on the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) :

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/construction/faq/index_en.htm