

Market Surveillance Campaign 2024

Masonry Units within the scope of [EN 771-3](#) must be CE Marked, since July 2013.



If you are an Economic Operator:

E.g.

- Manufacturer;
- Importer; or
- Retailer / Distributor

of Masonry Units you should be aware of your obligations under the criteria for CE Marking.



The National Building Control & Market Surveillance Office (NBCMSO) is the approved office for market surveillance of construction products in Ireland. Over the coming weeks, the NBCMSO will be carrying out unannounced inspections of economic operators (manufacturers, importers, distributors, authorised representatives and fulfilment service providers) to ensure technical and formal compliance for Masonry Units (Dense & Lightweight Aggregates) including those within the scope of [EN 771-3](#). The objective of the Market Surveillance Office is to ensure that only products compliant with the Construction Products Regulation ([EU No 305/2011](#)), are placed on the market. If you receive a visit, the Market Surveillance Office may check that you have applied the CE Marking criteria correctly, that you have all the required documentation in place (see overleaf) and may take a sample away for testing. Anybody obstructing, impeding or providing false information to the Authorised Officer may be committing an offense under the Construction Product Regulations.

The Market Surveillance Campaign 2024 is co-ordinated by the

National Building Control & Market Surveillance Office.

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What happens if I receive a visit from the Market Surveillance Authority?

1. GENERAL

If you receive a visit, from an Authorised Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Authorised Officer by Regulation 12(3) of the European Union (Construction Products) Regulations 2013, the information outlined in Table 1 below can be requested for inspection, having regard to the responsibility you have under the Construction Products Regulation No. (EU) 305/2011.

Information sought (but not limited to) relevant to the responsibility of each Economic Operator.

2. TIMELINE FOR COMPLIANCE

The information sought should be readily available onsite. CE Marking of construction products is mandatory across the EU since 1 July 2013.

No.	Description	Manufacturer	Importer	Distributor/ Retailer
1.	A copy / photograph of the CE mark.	Y	Y	Y
2.	A Valid Declaration of Performance (DoP).	Y	Y	Y
3.	The technical documentation to support that the product complies with the requirements of EN 771-3.	Y	Y	Y
4.	The test reports and details in respect of type testing of the product.	Y	-	-
5.	Details of the notified factory production control certification body	Y	-	-
6.	Instructions and safety information in the form of a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which can be easily understood by users.	Y	Y	Y
7.	The means by which products within the scope of EN 771-3 are placed, or made available, on the market can be identified and traced throughout the supply chain.	Y	Y	Y

3. TAKE NOTICE

In the event that the required documentation is not available at time of inspection or on request for information, you may make representations in writing to the Market Surveillance Authority within 14 days. The Market Surveillance Authority may, having considered any such representations, amend the terms of this request for information or confirm or revoke the request for information.

4. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE

If you, the Economic Operator: -

- do not comply with the terms of a request for information within the aforementioned period or
- the documentation submitted/ made available on the date of visit, is not in compliance with the Construction Products Regulation,

the Market Surveillance Authority may take such steps as it considers reasonable and necessary to secure compliance with the request for information under the Construction Products Regulation, up to and including prosecution through the Courts.

5. WARNING

A person guilty of an offence under the European Union (Construction Products) Regulations 2013 is liable: -

- on summary conviction to a fine up to €5,000 or to a term of imprisonment up to 3 months or to both; or
- on conviction on indictment to a fine up to €500,000 or to a term of imprisonment up to 12 months or both.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Regulation No (EU) 305/2011 <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:088:0005:0043:EN:PDF>
- European Union (Construction Products) Regulations 2013 <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2013/en/si/0225.html>
- [CE Marking of Construction Products—Step by Step](#)
- [EN 771-3:2011+A1:2015—Specification for Masonry Units—Part 3 Aggregate Concrete Masonry Units \(Dense & Lightweight Aggregates\)](#)
- [Standard Recommendation 325:2013+A2:2018/AC:2019—Recommendations for the Design of Masonry Structures in Ireland to Eurocode 6](#)