



Introduction

The Construction Products Regulations (CPR) came into force on the 1st July 2013 and is directly applicable to UK law. The aim of the regulations is to provide a legal framework in order to break down technical barriers to trade within the EU and harmonise the technical specification and conformity assessment of products. The following guidance is a summary of the most frequent questions put to OFTEC following the CPR coming into force.

Are all oil storage tanks within scope of CPR?

No. Only products manufactured to a European 'Harmonised Standard' are covered by CPR. Whilst new or updated standards are being released all the time, only plastic oil tanks manufactured to EN13341 are currently within scope. Steel oil storage tanks to BS 799 or OFTEC Standard OFS T200 are not covered by CPR.

How do I know if a plastic oil tank complies with CPR?

Tanks that have been tested and deemed to comply with the manufacturer's 'Declaration of Performance' will display a 'CE Mark', as illustrated below:



Importers and distributors also have a responsibility to assure themselves that a manufacturer has done all that is required of them under CPR, prior to placing a plastic tank on the market. Distributors must ensure that it is CE marked and is accompanied by the correct documentation, instructions and safety information.

Notwithstanding the above, the responsibility for ensuring that a product has the correct characteristics for an application rests with the specifier, installer and local building authority.

Does CPR have any influence on Building Regulations?

No. CPR relates to the performance of the tank. Its installation and use must still meet the requirements of regional Building Regulations.

Who is responsible for enforcing the requirements of CPR?

The enforcement authority for England, Wales and Scotland is Trading Standards. Environmental Health Officers will provide enforcement in Northern Ireland.

More guidance on CPR can be obtained from the UK Government website:

www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-construction-products-regulation-and-ce-marking-including-uk-product-contact-point-for-construction-products