



BREXIT UPDATE

CONTINUITY OF CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT REGULATION (CPR) CERTIFICATION FROM SGS

On 19 March 2018, the UK Department for Exiting the European Union published the *"Draft Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community"*.

Within this document, Article 39 recognises the continuation of UK Notified Bodies during the transition period. The transition period will run from 29 March 2019 until 31 December 2020.

During this transition period, ideally a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) will be agreed that will allow the continued recognition of UK Notified Body approvals within the EU and vice versa from 1 January 2021.

In the event that an MRA is not agreed, and in order to ensure continuity of service to CPR customers, our affiliate company SGS-ICS Servicos Internacionais de Certificacao LDA (Notified Body 1029, located in Portugal) is working with its local accreditation authority, IPQ for an extension to its scope to include all the current CPR activities undertaken by SGS United Kingdom Ltd (Notified Body 0120). We are working towards establishing the notification during quarter four (Q4) 2018. Consequently, SGS will continue to provide the same CPR services to our customers.

It remains possible that there may be no transition deal. This will happen if no final agreement is reached between the UK and the EU before Brexit. In the event of a no-deal Brexit, the UK government has announced that a new "UK Approved Mark" will be immediately available for some sectors from existing Notified Bodies. We will update our customers as more details of this scheme become available. In the eventuality of a no-deal, the arrangements being put in place by SGS through our network will still ensure continuity of service, whatever the outcome.

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