

What conditions does the Delegated Act (EU) No 157/2014 to the CPR lay down for placing DoPs on websites?

Article 7.3 of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) states that “...the copy of the declaration of performance may be made available on a website in accordance with conditions to be established by the Commission by means of delegated acts in accordance with Article 60”. This Information Sheet gives the rules that manufacturers must follow for making a Declaration of Performance (DoP) available on a website instead of supplying the document in paper form or by electronic means.

General Concept

- The delegated act does not change the responsibility of the manufacturer or other stake holders
- The delegated act only covers the way in which the DoP can be provided
- The obligation to supply a paper copy of the DoP, if requested, remains
- Contracting parties should agree on the procedures to be followed when supplying the DoP

Specific Requirements

- The unique identification code given in the DoP must link the information included in the document to every product
- The user of the DoP must be instructed on how to access the online information
- Once uploaded, a DoP cannot be changed
- A DoP must remain accessible for at least 10 years after the construction product has been placed on the market
- The website hosting the DoPs should be subject to monitoring and maintenance and be kept available and accessible, as far as possible, at all times
- Access to the website must be free of charge

Language

The DoP must be supplied in the language(s) required by the Member State(s) where the product is being made available.

Format

The DoP should be displayed preferably using semantic web technologies (e.g. XML) but also making sure that it is displayed in a humanly readable format (e.g. HTML but also PDF). Furthermore it is suggested that use of a standardised, machine readable format also be considered to allow interoperability with architectural tools – for Building Information Modelling (BIM).

Other accompanying documents on the website

Other documents required by the CPR to accompany the DoP must also be considered for supply via the website. These will include information relating to REACH, if relevant, installation instructions and safety information.

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