

What changes have occurred to Annex III of the CPR under the Delegated Act (EU) No. 574/2014?

The delegated act covering Annex III of the CPR came into force on 31 May, 2014. It relaxes the rigid approach taken in the original CPR by allowing manufacturers some adaptability to meet the requirements of different kinds of construction products when drawing up a Declaration of Performance (DoP).

What has not changed is the unequivocal requirement to identify the construction product in relation to its performance levels or classes. For this, the manufacturer should link every single product to the respective product-type and to give a unique identification code based on a set of performance levels or classes for that product.

The European Commission has also recognised that while it is necessary to enable the identification and traceability of any single construction product by use of a type, batch or serial number, this purpose is not served by the DoP. Therefore, this information is no longer required to be included in the DoP.

Similarly, when the Notified Bodies are properly identified, the listing of all certificates, tests, calculation or assessment reports issued by them may well be too long and do not add any value to the user of the product. Under these circumstances, the manufacturer is not obliged to include such a listing in the DoP.

Flexibility

When drawing up a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for a construction product it is a necessary to supply the mandatory information required by Article 6 of the CPR in a clear, complete and coherent manner. Provided this is adhered to, it is possible to:

- Use a different layout to that of the model
- Combine points of the model by presenting some of them together
- Present the points in a different order or by using one or more tables
- Omit some points of the model which are not relevant for the product for which a DoP is drawn up e.g. the DoP may be based either on a harmonised European standard (hEN) or a European Technical Assessment (ETA) thus making the alternative no longer applicable. Such omissions could also concern the points of the model concerning the authorised representative or on the use of Appropriate Technical Documentation and Specific Technical Documentation.
- Present the points without numbering them

If a manufacturer wishes to issue a single DoP covering different variations of a product-type, the following elements at least need to be listed separately and clearly for every product variation:

- The number of the DoP
- The identification code under point 1
- The identification code for the DoP(s) under point 7.

Revised Model for a Declaration of Performance

**ANNEX III
DECLARATION OF PERFORMANCE**

No.

- 1. Unique identification code of the product-type:
- 2. Intended use/s:
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- 3. Manufacturer:
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- 4. Authorised representative:
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- 5. System/s of AVCP:
- 6a. Harmonised standard:
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Notified body/ies:
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- 6b. European Assessment Document:
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European Technical Assessment:
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Technical Assessment Body:
Notified body/ies:
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- 7. Declared performance:
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- 8. Appropriate Technical Documentation and/or Specific Technical Documentation:
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(Optional) Manufacturer’s website reference where a copy of this Declaration of Performance is made available:

The performance of the product identified above is in conformity with the set of declared performance/s. This declaration of performance is issued in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer identified above.

Signed for and on behalf of the manufacturer by:
[name]
At [place] on [date of issue]
[signature]

Instructions for drawing up the Declaration of Performance

Point of the Model	Instruction
No. of the DoP	This is the reference number of the DoP issued by the manufacturer. The choice of the number is left to the manufacturer. This may be the same as the unique identification code of the product-type under point 1 of the model.
Point 1	Indicate the unique identification code of the product-type determined by the manufacturer. This will unequivocally identify the product-type using the set of performance levels or classes for the given product as given in the DoP. See CPR Article 6(2)(a).
Point 2	Indicate the intended use, or list the intended uses, as appropriate, for the construction product as foreseen by the manufacturer in accordance with the applicable harmonised technical specification.
Point 3	Indicate the manufacturer's name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and contact address. See CPR Article 11(5).
Point 4	Need only be included and filled in where an authorised representative has been designated. Indicate the authorised representative's name and contact address whose mandate covers the tasks specified in Article 12(2) of the CPR.
Point 5	Indicate the number of the applicable system or systems of AVCP of the construction product as set out in the Delegated Act to Annex V of the CPR. If there are multiple systems each shall be declared.
Points 6a and 6b	<p>The manufacturer is to fill in only one of these alternatives depending on whether the DoP has been drawn up based on a hEN or on an ETA issued for that construction product.</p> <p>In the case of point 6a, when a DoP is based on a hEN, the manufacturer shall indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The reference no. of the hEN and its date of issue, and (b) The identification no. of the notified body/ies. This to be provided in the original language, without translation to other languages. <p>In the case of 6b, when a DoP is based on a ETA issued for that product, the manufacturer shall indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The no. of the European Assessment Document (EAD) and its date of issue (b) The no. of the ETA and its date of issue (c) The name of the Technical Assessment Body (TAB) (d) The identification no. of the notified body/ies

Point of the Model	Instruction
Point 7	<p>The DoP shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The list of essential characteristics as determined in the harmonised technical specification for the intended use(s) indicated under point 2, and (b) For each essential characteristic, give its level or class or a description, or where no performance is declared for any characteristic, the letters “NPD”, (No Performance Determined). <p>A table may be used for this purpose linking the harmonised technical specification and the system of AVCP applied to each performance for each of the essential characteristics for that product.</p> <p>The performance must be expressed as a clear value, a level or class. It cannot be a formula which the recipient has to apply or by inserting references to the documents where the level or class is given.</p> <p>The performance, notably of structural behaviour, may be expressed by referring to the respective production documentation or structural design calculations. Here, the relevant documents shall be attached to the DoP.</p>
Point 8	<p>This is only to be included and completed if Appropriate Technical Documentation and/or Specific Technical Documentation have been used to indicate the requirements with which the product complies. See CPR Articles 36-38.</p> <p>If completed, the DoP shall indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The reference no. of the Specific and/or Appropriate Technical Documentation used, and (b) The requirements with which the product complies.
Signature	<p>Replace the spaces indicated between square brackets by the relevant information and the signature.</p>

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