

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

The CDM Regulations are currently under review and are expected to have some significant changes made to them to help the regulations fall in line with the European Directive.

Some of the more significant proposed changes are;

- The removal of the CDM Approved Code of Practice – L144. (ACOP) This is to be replaced by more sector specific guidance documents i.e. ‘General House Build’ guidance, ‘Loft Conversion’ guidance document and so on. This is mainly due to the ACOP being too generic in its content and not being fully applicable to all differing sizes / types of construction projects.
- The removal of Regulation 4, Appendix 4, more specifically, ‘Competence’. This may lead towards more industry specific competencies variants coming in to place but this process has not yet started. This is due to ‘Competence’ not being detailed in the European Directive.
- Removal of ‘*General Duties*’ and ‘*Additional Duties*’ under CDM. These duties are now expected to be covered under one section and follow a more linear approach.
- ‘CDM Co-ordinator’ role to be removed and replaced with the implementation of a new role, currently titled, “Project Preparation Manager” (PPM) This role currently looks like it will fill the gap left by the removal of the CDM-C role with varying new roles and responsibilities yet to be defined. The new PPM role will give emphasis on having to take more control and coordination on a project and being a vital part of a project team. This is due to the current CDM-C role being seen as a high value role which is rarely visible on a project. The PPM role will, consist of the need to have ‘Design’ experience. This does not mean that a PPM has to have a specifically recognised design qualification. The HSE’s definition of this is that of being able to prove you have a working knowledge of a specific design phase of a Project and have an influence on the scope of this phase with regards to change and eliminating risk at the design phase.

NOTE: There are currently no changes expected to Part 4 of the CDM Regs. The revised CDM Regulations will enter a 12 week consultation period expected in September this year. As stated above, the need for this review has become apparent due to pressure from the European Commission for the UK Government to apply the European Directive more stringently with regards to its content.

Currently, the CDM Regulations has ‘Gold Plated’ certain aspects of the directive by going above and beyond the requirements but has left gaps in the requirements where there is a need to comply. This review and subsequent implementation of the revised regulations should eradicate these issues moving forward.

The Revised Regulations are currently due to be implemented by October 2014



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