

Special Branch Tree Services NE Ltd

Purchase Policy & CE Marking (Compliance with Construction Products Regulations)

The Construction Products Regulation 2011 (CPR) is a European Union (EU) regulation harmonising performance information on construction products across the EU. It is made most visible by the mandatory CE marking of regulated products.

The Health and Safety at Work Act as amended imposes duties upon the company and those providing goods and services to the company.

The company is committed to ensure that materials, goods and general components must be safe, meet all relevant UK and EU supply Directives and be CE marked; it will be manufactured in line with current legal requirements, and manufactures / suppliers' guidance or ACOPS ruling at the time of use only use products with appropriate CE marking are used.

To achieve this, we only use goods and materials that are either manufactured in the UK or EU within all current standards are CE marked for the use under Current Building Regulations of the UK.

The company is committed to the continued support of local UK businesses that can guarantee the continuity of their CE Marking on all the products purchased by the company.

This is intended to ensure that reliable technical information is provided about the performance of construction products in a common technical language and tested using consistent assessment methods. This consistency should enable designers and specifiers to compare the performance of products more easily.

The CE mark denotes the publication of information on:

- Safety.
- Testing criteria
- Fire resistance.
- Mechanical resistance and stability.
- User instructions, including hygiene and environmental instructions.
- Protection against noise.
- Energy, economy and heat retention.
- Sustainable use of natural resources.
- Handling instructions.
- Storage recommendations.
- Maintenance.
- Warranties.
- Dealerships.

Health & Safety legislation affects purchasing decisions including the use of sub-contractors or out-sourced activities.

This also includes the purchase of new or hired-in equipment, maintenance services and goods; but is not limited to such legislation as The Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations as amended; The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) and The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations.

When purchasing or hiring machinery / equipment management of the company will make sure it has all the relevant information and instructions on how it works, including the appropriate safety features and certifications of compliance.

All services and goods procured by the company will have to meet the minimum Quality, Safety, Modern Slavery, Bribery, Right to Work and Environmental standards prescribed by the Company. These quality standards are developed by the company through an assessment of the service or good on its initial assessment.

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In practice this involves the following procurement policies: -

- Is there an industry recognised Safety standard of the good, material or service procured by the company i.e BS EN standards for PPE)
- Has the company had non-conformance issues with the good, material or service in the past?
- Does the service have a minimum level of insurance linked to it?

All users of the equipment will receive suitable training and instruction before being allowed to use equipment.

The equipment must be safe, meet all relevant UK and EU supply Directives and be CE marked; it will be maintained in line with current legal requirements, and manufactures / suppliers' guidance or ACOPS ruling at the time of use.

CHANGES AS OF THE 1ST OF JAN 2021 – BREXIT

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is a new UK product marking that is used for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking.

The UKCA marking applies to most goods previously subject to the CE marking. It also applies to aerosol products that previously required the 'reverse epsilon' marking.

The UKCA marking came into effect on 1 January 2021. However, to allow our business and all other business time to adjust to the new requirements, we are able to use and recognise the CE marking until 1 January 2022 in most cases.


The company strives to be the most trusted provider of consistently high-quality goods and services. The Company is not engaged in the manufacture of materials it supplies, but its Policy is one of purchasing high quality material from recognised approved suppliers.

This is driven by a purchasing strategy of developing and maintaining strong supply chain relationships with our key strategic suppliers based on co-operation, integrity and mutual trust.

Supplier credentials are checked and verified at prescribed intervals by suitably qualified and experienced personnel – this is carried out in accordance with the Company's supplier selection, evaluation, and re-evaluation process.

To obtain approved status the supplier will have to provide suitable evidence to meet an approval status based on the company quality, environmental and Safety standards, for the ongoing supply relationship to continue then to retain this status. This retention of approval status required to be maintained by ensuring that all evidence is current and correct.

Also, the company will carry out necessary vetting of suppliers for the proof of right to work within the UK.

Company Director 

Date 1st March 2024