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## Construction

# European Commission closes infringement procedure on construction products

**The European Commission today closed the infringement procedure against Germany regarding construction products. In doing so, the Commission recognises that the 2014 judgement by the Court of Justice of the European Union (case C-100/13) on the Construction Products Directive applicable at the time (89/106/EEC) is being fully implemented in Germany.**

The Commission decision followed talks at the end of June between Gunther Adler, State Secretary at the Federal Building Ministry, and Lowri Evans, Director-General for Internal Market. Agreement was reached during these talks that protecting citizens with regard to building structure safety, health and environment was top priority. Therefore, a provision will remain in place in Germany that enables the existing level of fire safety in Germany to be retained while continuing to take into consideration the risk of glowing or smouldering in construction works.

State Secretary Adler commented: "The fact that the infringement procedure has been closed shows that we in Europe are well on the way to jointly solving the problems resulting from the gaps and deficiencies in European standards for construction products. Germany has demonstrated a path for further expanding the European internal market while at the same time taking full consideration of safety, health and environmental concerns."

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, together with the Länder, presented and discussed a corresponding legal opinion on the Construction Products Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) on 21 June 2017 in Brussels. Additionally, an action is pending in the General Court of the European Union (case T-229/17) to safeguard German requirements for indoor air quality.



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