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The Minister for the Environment and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Sections 3 and 18 of the Building Control Act, 1990 (No.3 of 1990) hereby makes the following Regulations:-

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Building Regulations (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2000.
- These Regulations and the Building Regulations, 1997 (S.I. No. 497 of 1997) and the Building Regulations (Amendment) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. No. 179 of 2000) shall be construed as one and cited together as the Building Regulations, 1997 to 2000.
- 3. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 2001.
- 4. Part D to the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations, 1997 (S.I. No. 497 of 1997) is hereby amended by the substitution of the following for Part D:

Part D

MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

Materials and Workmanship

- D1 All works to which these Regulations apply shall be carried out with proper materials and in a workmanlike manner.
- D2 A letter plate aperture shall be so positioned at a reasonable height above ground level as not to endanger the health and safety of persons using such apertures.

- In this Part "proper materials" means materials which are fit for the use for which they are intended and for the conditions in which they are to be used, and includes materials which
 - (a) bear a CE Marking in accordance with the provisions of the Construction Products Directive; or
 - (b) comply with an appropriate harmonized standard, European technical approval or national technical specification as defined in article 4(2) of the Construction Products Directive; or
 - (c) comply with an appropriate Irish Standard or Irish Agrément Board Certificate or with an alternative national technical specification of any State which is a contracting part to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, which provides in use an equivalent level of safety and suitability.

"Agreement on the European Economic Area" means the Agreement on the European Economic Area between the European Communities, their Member States and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, as published in the Official Journal of the European Communities (OJ L1/9 of 3 January, 1994)."

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government this 4th day of August 2000.

L.S. Noel Dempsey

Minister for Environment and Local Government

Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These Regulations amend Part D of the Building Regulations, 1997, by requiring that letter plate apertures shall be positioned at a reasonable height above ground level so as not to endanger the health and safety of persons using such apertures. These Regulations will apply to buildings commencing on or after 1 January, 2001.