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BIBM position on CE marking following a European Technical Assessment (ETA)

The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) provides two main routes to prepare a Declaration of Performance (DoP) and therefore affix the CE marking of construction products. The first relies on harmonized standard (hEN); the second on European Technical Assessments (ETA), formerly labelled European Technical Approval under the CPD.

Due to this change in the definition of an ETA, it may happen that some products, which are CE marked on the basis of such technical assessment, do not meet the requirements of the Eurocodes. The problem is that CE marking has achieved a very high status in the market for the construction products and is perceived as a symbol of compliance with the standards.

In order to solve this issue and avoid possible problems, BIBM proposes the compliance with relevant standards is taken into account when drafting an ETA. In practice, ETA should be closer to the former approval documents under the CPD, including an assessment of the fitness for the intended use and a possibility to introduce mandatory characteristics.

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