

Message 901

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perjodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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1. MSG 901 IND 2026 9010 IS EN 18-06-2026 IS NOTIF

2. Iceland

3A. Ministry for Foreign Affairs

3B. Department of housing and planning, Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing

4. 2026/9010/IS - B00 - CONSTRUCTION

5. Building regulation - changes to articles regarding concrete

6. Concrete

7.

8. The amendments are intended to increase competition and carbon limitation opportunities in concrete production by increasing the number of possible additives in concrete. More methods for testing concrete are also permitted than before. The requirements that the regulation refers to for concrete are based on Icelandic conditions. Testing and testing requirements are in accordance with EU standards. The regulation only refers to one Icelandic standard which is ÍST 76, that a compliance standard. Only one Icelandic standard is

referred to, which is ÍST 76, which is a compliance standard with ÍST EN 12620, ÍST EN 13043 and ÍST EN 13242. ÍST 76 is currently under review by Icelandic Standards by the Icelandic Mirror Committee. Other standards referred to in the regulation are European standards that have been confirmed as Icelandic standards (abbr. ÍST EN). The regulation amendment also updates the previous references to standards to refer to current standards. - Here is a link to the building regulation in full, unfortunately only available in Icelandic: <https://island.is/reglugerdir/nr/0112-2012>

9. There was a need to update the regulatory framework regarding concrete production to comply with current standards and to increase the possibility of using more environmentally friendly options in concrete composition.

9a. The objective was to reduce carbon emissions from the construction industry. Reducing the amount of cement used in concrete is a proven method for lowering carbon emissions in the construction sector, given the particularly high emissions associated with cement production. In parallel with the regulatory change, guidance documents were issued to designers.

The following studies support this statement: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-022-33289-7>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s43017-020-0093-3>

https://www.istructe.org/IStructE/media/Public/Resources/ARUP-Embodied-carbon-concrete_1.pdf

<https://www.unsdsn.org/resources/life-cycle-assessment-lca-and-cost-benefit-analysis-for-low-carbon-concrete-and-cement-mix-designs/>

9b. There are no restrictions on the internal market created by the measure. It will not affect cross-border trade and services.

Following the amendments, the reliance on cement can be reduced through the use of alternative materials. The changes increase the flexibility to use alternative materials, while avoiding the imposition of prescriptive requirements.

9c. The amendments are founded on research into structural performance and carbon emissions. They serve the public interest by contributing to a reduction in carbon emissions.

The measures are not restrictive and there is no foreseeable harm to competition or the internal market.

10. References of the Basic Texts: No Basic Text exists

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects:

The draft is a technical regulation or a conformity assessment

SPS aspects: No

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