

Message 901

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje 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 késéseket - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi 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 2025 9023 NO EN 04-09-2025 NO NOTIF

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4. 2025/9023/NO - B00 - CONSTRUCTION

5. Requirements concerning the use of solar energy in the construction of new large commercial buildings

6. Construction materials, solar energy systems

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8. Two alternative regulations for solar energy are proposed in the Regulations on technical requirements for construction works (Byggt teknisk forskrift TEK17).

<https://www.dibk.no/regelverk/Building-Regulations-in-English>

The main proposal entails a requirement that certain large buildings must be designed to be able to retrofit solar energy systems – ‘solar-ready buildings’. This requirement applies to commercial buildings with a heated gross internal area of more than 500 m².

Alternatively, it is proposed that large commercial buildings should be required to have solar cells or other locally produced energy. The requirement means that solar cells and/or locally produced energy must be installed in all new commercial buildings over 500 m² outside areas designated for agriculture, nature and outdoor recreation (LNF areas).

9. Buildings consume large amounts of energy, accounting for almost half of Norway’s annual electricity consumption. The potential for reducing energy consumption in buildings is substantial.

In autumn 2023, the Government presented an action plan for increasing energy efficiency in all areas of the Norwegian economy, where policy instruments play a key role in reducing energy consumption in buildings. The Norwegian Building Authority has assessed possible changes to the Regulations on technical requirements for construction works that can facilitate greater energy efficiency, energy flexibility and local energy production in new and existing buildings. The proposed changes balance considerations of energy challenges, the environment and climate and costs.

Solar energy is an important renewable energy source. However, studies commissioned by the Norwegian Building Authority indicate that it is not profitable to require solar energy systems in new buildings. At the same time, steadily decreasing investment costs may make it profitable to retrofit photovoltaic systems in the future. It is therefore proposed that new buildings should be facilitated for the retrofit of solar energy systems, i.e. that new buildings are ‘solar-ready’. This may reduce costs in the future, because less extensive measures will be required than if the building was to be facilitated at a later date.

10. References of the Basic Texts: The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification:

2016/9041/N

2021/9016/N

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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