

RE: Promotion of the Government publication *A Guide to the marketing and use of Aggregate Concrete Blocks to EN 771-3 in Ireland* among CIC membership

Dear Dr Sarah Ingle,

Arising from the Government Decision on an enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme in November 2021, the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) was tasked with delivering a programme of work to review standards related to masonry design and specification. NSAI are currently working on a programme of review of standards, including 'S.R. 325:2013+A2:2018/AC:2019 Recommendations for the design of masonry structures in Ireland to Eurocode 6' (S.R. 325).

As an interim measure to NSAI's review of masonry standards, on 28/04/2022 the Department published '[A Guide to the marketing and use of Aggregate Concrete Blocks to EN 771-3 in Ireland](#)'. This guide aims to facilitate clearer communication within the supply chain regarding the declared performance of essential characteristics, having regard to national provisions in Ireland.

The chain of custody of a construction product is only as strong as its weakest link. It is necessary for all those involved in the supply chain to adhere to their legal obligations under the Construction Products Regulation (CPR).

It is important that specifiers, designers, builders, certifiers and end users are fully aware and informed of the performance requirements for aggregate concrete blocks regarding their end-use in the construction of works or a building. And it is with this in mind that the Department are asking you to kindly consider circulating this Guide among your CIC membership as you see fit.

Should you feel that this is an appropriate action, we would be grateful if you would please revert with any steps you choose to take in this regard.

The Guide is available on the Gov.ie website at the following address:

www.gov.ie/en/publication/45415-a-guide-to-the-marketing-and-use-of-aggregate-concrete-blocks-to-en-771-3-in-ireland/

Best regards,

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