

COMMISSION DECISION**of 9 February 2010****establishing the classes of reaction-to-fire performance for certain construction products as regards air drying jointing compounds***(notified under document C(2010) 399)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/106/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to construction products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 20(2) a thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 89/106/EEC envisages that in order to take account of different levels of protection for the construction works at national, regional or local levels, it may be necessary to establish in the interpretative documents classes corresponding to the performance of products in respect of each essential requirement. Those documents have been published as the 'Communication of the Commission with regard to the interpretative documents of Directive 89/106/EEC' ⁽²⁾.

(2) With respect to the essential requirement of safety in the event of fire, interpretative document No 2 lists a number of interrelated measures which together define the fire safety strategy to be variously developed in the Member States.

(3) Interpretative document No 2 identifies one of those measures as the limitation of the generation and spread of fire and smoke within a given area by limiting the potential of construction products to contribute to the full development of a fire.

(4) The level of that limitation may be expressed only in terms of the different levels of reaction-to-fire performance of the products in their end-use application.

(5) By way of a harmonised solution, a system of classes was adopted in Commission Decision 2000/147/EC of 8 February 2000 implementing Council Directive 89/106/EEC as regards the classification of the reaction to fire performance of construction products ⁽³⁾.

(6) In the case of air drying jointing compounds it is necessary to use the classification established in Decision 2000/147/EC.

(7) The reaction-to-fire performance of many construction products and/or materials, within the classification provided for in Decision 2000/147/EC, is well established and sufficiently well known to fire regulators in Member States that they do not require testing for this particular performance characteristic.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Construction,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The construction products and/or materials which satisfy all the requirements of the performance characteristic 'reaction-to-fire' without need for further testing are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The specific classes to be applied to different construction products and/or materials, within the reaction-to-fire classification adopted in Decision 2000/147/EC, are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 62, 28.2.1994, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 50, 23.2.2000, p. 14.

Article 3

Products shall be considered in relation to their end-use application, where relevant.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 February 2010.

For the Commission
Günter VERHEUGEN
Vice-President

ANNEX

The table set out in this Annex lists construction products and/or materials which satisfy all the requirements for the performance characteristic 'reaction-to-fire' without need for testing.

Table

Classes of reaction to fire performance for air drying jointing compounds

Product ⁽¹⁾	Product details for the jointing system	Maximum organic content (% in weight)	Class ⁽²⁾
Air drying jointing compounds for gypsum plasterboards used together with paper jointing tape. Paste ready to use or powder to be mixed with water, on any substrate of at least class A2-s1,d0 with thickness at least 6 mm and with density at least 700 kg/m ³ (excluding floorings).	Air drying jointing compounds of types 1A, 2A and 3A and paper jointing tape ⁽³⁾ according to EN 13963	7,0	A2-s1,d0

⁽¹⁾ Wet density of the jointing compound at least 1,1 kg/litre (1 100 kg/m³).

⁽²⁾ Class as provided for in Table 1 of the Annex to Commission Decision 2000/147/EC.

⁽³⁾ Maximum width of the paper jointing tape: 55 mm; maximum mass of the paper jointing tape per unit area: 135 g/m².