

TECHNICAL NOTE

Which version of EN 13830 should a manufacturer comply with?

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This technical note is issued by European Aluminium and FAECF to clarify the situation with regards to the compliance requirements of curtain walling falling under the scope of **hEN 13830: 'Curtain Walling – Product Standard'**.

This standard is an extension of the [Construction Products Regulation \(EU\) No 305/2011](#) which obliges manufacturers to comply with the Annex ZA incorporated within each harmonised standard whenever they place on the internal market a product in scope of the standard.

Since 2015 [National Standardisation Bodies](#) have published the **2015** version of the standard and the majority of them have stopped selling via web the superseded **2003** version.

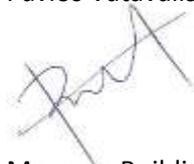
For almost two years since its publication, the European Commission has refused to cite the **2015** version of the standard in the consolidated list of harmonised standards, asking for clarification of certain elements. [CEN/TC 33](#) is responsible for EN 13830 and is in negotiations with the European Commission in order to address their concerns. For any issues where the European Commission is not satisfied with the answers provided, CEN/TC 33 will proceed with an [amendment](#) to the standard according to CEN rules. Based on this, it is expected that the **2015** version will never become a harmonised European standard.

→ In the meantime, the version of the standard which manufacturers must use to comply with the Construction Products Regulation can be found in the latest available [consolidated list of harmonised standards](#): the **2003** version of EN 13830 is the **only** version which can be requested for compliance by Member States!

If someone needs to purchase the **2003** version from a [National Standardisation Body](#) which is not offering this option via web, for example, they are advised to contact directly the Standardisation Body to supply it by other means.

Any private organisation may ask a manufacturer to provide information according to the **2015** version, but only on a voluntary basis. In any event, in accordance with the Construction Products Regulation, manufacturers are responsible to ensure that curtain walling they place on the market is according to the **2003** version of EN 13830 when in scope.

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