

*These notes relate to the Building (Scotland) Act 2003
(asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2003*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

EC Construction Products Directive

4. Directive [89/106/EEC](#) of the Council of the EC of 21 December 1988 established a framework for market harmonisation in construction products within the European Union. This framework was implemented in the United Kingdom by the Construction Products Regulations 1991.
5. The Directive as implemented in UK legislation by the 1991 Regulations requires that technical specifications set in the UK make use of harmonised standards issued by Europe. This means in Scotland that where building regulations cite a British Standard for a construction product or test method, it will have to be replaced by one or more European standards when they are produced. The provisions which make it easier for the Scottish Ministers to comply with these requirements are described below in relation to section 1.