



Building Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 55

PART I

BUILDING REGULATIONS

Approved documents

7 Compliance or non-compliance with approved documents.

- (1) A failure on the part of a person to comply with an approved document does not of itself render him liable to any civil or criminal proceedings; but if, in any proceedings whether civil or criminal, it is alleged that a person has at any time contravened a provision of building regulations—
- (a) a failure to comply with a [^{F1}relevant approved document] may be relied upon as tending to establish liability, and
 - (b) proof of compliance with such a document may be relied on as tending to negative liability.

[^{F2}(1A) In subsection (1) “relevant approved document” means a document approved for the purposes of the provision that applies in relation to the work in question.]

- (2) In any proceedings, whether civil or criminal—
- (a) a document purporting to be a notice issued as mentioned in section 6(3) above shall be taken to be such a notice unless the contrary is proved, and
 - (b) a document that appears to the court [^{F3}or tribunal] to be the approved document to which such a notice refers shall be taken to be that approved document unless the contrary is proved.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 7(1)(a) substituted (28.6.2022 for E., 5.9.2023 for W.) by **Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30)**, s. 170(4)(b)(c), **Sch. 5 para. 10(2)**; S.I. 2022/561, reg. 3(f), Sch. para. 10; S.I. 2023/914, reg. 2(b) (xiii), Sch. para. 7

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- F2** S. 7(1A) inserted (28.6.2022 for E., 5.9.2023 for W.) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), s. 170(4)(b)(c), **Sch. 5 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2022/561, reg. 3(f), Sch. para. 10; S.I. 2023/914, reg. 2(b)(xiii), Sch. para. 7
- F3** Words in s. 7(2)(b) inserted (1.10.2023 except in relation to W.) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), s. 170(4)(b)(c), **Sch. 6 para. 10**; S.I. 2023/993, reg. 2(o)(i) (with reg. 6)

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