



MCRMA STATEMENT ON COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS BAN

Communities Secretary James Brokenshire announced yesterday (Monday 1st October) that as part of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) comprehensive programme to improve building safety combustibles, of the kind used on Grenfell Tower, will no longer be allowed under the Building Regulations in high-rise developments (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-new-housing-measures>)

The government has confirmed that it will ban the use of combustible materials on external walls of high-rise residential buildings on all new tower blocks. The ban will also apply to the external wall materials used in hospitals, care homes and student accommodation more than 18 metres tall. It is expected that this move will affect the construction of more than 1,000 buildings a year.

This ban will be delivered through changes to Building Regulations guidance and will limit materials available to products achieving a European classification of Class A1 or A2.

MCRMA continues to work with the Industry Response Group which is chaired by MHCLG through its membership of the Construction Products Association to ensure that building safety is at the forefront of building design, construction and maintenance.