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## TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION



### Subject: CE marking of steel construction products.

In accordance with the **European Regulations no. 305/2011**, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2014, CE marking for **EN 1090** compliant steel construction material becomes mandatory. The CE marking obligation will include structural products that are either fixtures or fittings installed in buildings in compliance with the relevant local regulations. Pallet racking products fall within the scope of this regulation.

CE marking requires the certification of the design, production and quality control processes of components on the part of an accredited independent body. This certification process will deliver strong commercial advantages to our partners, both within and outside the EU market which, in the coming weeks, we will be detailing.

During the initial phase of the CE marking, there could be variations in the classification of specific types of installations within different member countries. These varying interpretations could lead to final customers being misinformed or ill advised regarding the nature of CE marking. The provision of a clear and confident view regarding the CE marking will translate to an added value for the final customer.

During the forthcoming weeks, METALSISTEM will be issuing documentation defining the obligations and duties that the CE marking requires for all economic operators involved in the process (manufactures, agents, distributors, importers etc.). Attention will be focused on the role of METALSISTEM partners and on the tools that will be made available to assist its sales network.



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As a general guideline, it is important to highlight that the CE marking applies to components not to installations. The relevant documents for CE marked component are three:

1. The **pallet label**;
2. The **CE tags**. These follow the product from the production facility to the place of use and will be attached to the transport documents;
3. The Declaration of Performance (**DoP**) for those components that the manufacturer is obliged to make available to the buyer for a period of ten years after production of any structural component.

The reseller becomes part of the chain. They are involved in three different stages:

1. For the initial period of validity of the new regulation, the reseller will have to pay maximum attention to the requests coming from its market, delivering CE marked equipment when necessary.
2. In the case where material with CE marking must be supplied (either by law or by contract), the reseller will be in charge of assuring that the manufacturer label will be associated with the relevant components up until the place of use.
3. Finally, the reseller will have to assure that the final customer will have full traceability for all material sold in order to be able to issue a Declaration of Performance for the structural components used.

METALSISTEM will attach to the invoices the tags of the products covered by CE marking; these will also be identified by the icon **CE** next to article code on the pallet label. To help and facilitate the consultation of the tags by METALSISTEM's order number, an on-line service that will let our partners to download the tags in electronic format will be available as well.

The system, will also render available, for at least 10 years starting from day of purchase, all the Declarations of Performance of the purchased products as provided by law.

Best regards.

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