LPS 1207 and LPS 1215 – The Facts

We have become aware of projects where products for use on construction sites during new build, demolition, refurbishment and maintenance projects are being incorrectly specified and/or incorrectly supplied or used in practice.

The facts regarding the use and application of the LPS 1207 and LPS 1215 standards are as follows:

- LPS 1207 is a loss prevention standard that details the Requirements for the LPCB Approval and Listing for fire performance of temporary protective covering materials for use in the interior of buildings. LPS 1215 is a loss prevention standard that details the Requirements for the LPCB Approval and Listing for fire performance of containment net and sheet materials for external use on construction sites. The LPCB testing and approval process ensures that the product passes a series of tests for a range of representative ignition scenarios that may occur on site. Products that pass the test are intended to slow down the ignition and contribute to the growth of a fire. Products that are approved by LPCB are also subjected to a stringent regime of audit testing backed up by factory audits. Non LPCB approved products cannot be assumed to offer the same level of or consistency of fire performance.

- Both standards are relevant to buildings during construction and undergoing demolition, maintenance or refurbishment.

- The Building Regulations in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales do not apply to buildings during construction or undergoing major refurbishment except where they may be partially occupied.

- The requirements relating to fire protection during construction or refurbishment are specified by HSE in HSG 168 “Fire Safety in Construction” (LPS 1207 and LPS 1215 standards are referenced in clauses 168 and 170 respectively) and the insurers “Joint Code of Practice on the Protection from Fire of Construction Sites and Buildings Undergoing Renovation (JCC)”. The requirements are also supported by the Association of British Insurers, the Chief Fire Officers Association, the London Fire Brigade and the Fire Protection Association. The Code applies to construction sites and buildings undergoing major refurbishment and any other marking such as branding and it is essential that these details are checked to ensure the best fit for your particular requirements. If you have any queries about the validity of a listing or any other marking such as branding and it is essential that these details are checked to ensure the best fit for your particular requirements. If you have any queries about the validity of a listing or any other marking such as branding, contact us at enquiries@breglobal.com.

- Beware of products claiming “satisfies” or “complies with” or “meets” LPS 1207 or LPS 1215. Simply, if it is not printed with LPS XXXX: Issue X Cert/LPCB Ref: YYYY, it is not LPCB approved. Make sure you get what you have paid for and ensure you are managing your fire risks.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

LPS XXXX: Issue X
Cert/LPCB Ref: YYYY

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