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**Press release:**

**CE-marking for wood floorings - obligation extended until 1 March 2010**

With reference to the FEP Press release issued on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and specifically the exact date on which the CE-marking for parquet & wood floorings will become mandatory, this is an excerpt from the official reaction to FEP's direct inquiry which was received today from the European Commission.

**"CE marking of Wood flooring is still possible now on the grounds of EN 14342:2005. As of 1/03/2009, CE marking of Wood flooring will be possible on the grounds of EN 14342:2005+A1:2008. CE marking of Wood flooring will be obligatory as of 1/03/2010."**

After conflicting reports which were circulating on this issue one can now conclude that, based on the above statement, the CE-marking obligation for parquet & wood flooring will officially enter into effect on 1 March 2010.

FEP trusts that this clarification from the European Commission will bring an end to the confusion which during the past weeks has arisen on the subject and is confident that the further extension will provide yet additional time for the members to undertake the necessary steps to reach conformity with EN 14342.

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