
From: Jon Denyer
Sent: 21 July 2014 06:59
To: John Albon
Subject: FW: Safety concerns regarding BBA certificate 08452.
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John

Did you send a reply?

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John/Gayetree

Re : 08/4582 – Kingspan Kooltherm K15 Rainscreen Insulation board

Paragraph 12.7 of Approved Document B requires insulation above 18 m to be of limited combustibility, unless it is contained within a masonry cavity wall complying with diagram 34.

While the Certificate contains a lot of sub sections that are clearly taken from cavity wall insulation Certificates, it may not have been the intention to imply that use of the product within masonry cavity walls is within the scope of the Certificate. I can't find anything on Jobcon FS relating to the amendments made on 6th April 2010 and signed off by Chris Hunt. This may also be the first and only rainscreen insulation board.

I propose the following draft reply.

Brian

Re : 08/4582 – Kingspan Kooltherm K15 Rainscreen Insulation board

The amendments made on 6th April 2010 to Certificate 08/4582 included a new reference to paragraph 12.7 of Approved Document B. This was not intended to imply that the product was of limited combustibility and, as you have observed, was removed in the subsequent reissue dated 17 December 2013.

The reference to paragraph 12.7 seems to have been an unfortunate, and rare, oversight that would not escape the internal checks and measures that BBA currently operate. As an example, we have a consultancy arrangement with EXOVA for fire safety advice. That said we are always keen to look for improvement in all of our processes and would welcome DCLG views on selected draft BBA Certificates that are addressing new products/applications, Regulations or deemed to satisfy guidance. Perhaps, initially, this could be limited to fire safety issues. If you think this could be useful I would be happy to come and see you to discuss further.

In the interim, if you have any further queries, please do contact me.

Best regards

JA – HofA...

From: Brian Martin [<mailto:Brian.Martin@communities.gsi.gov.uk>]
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From: Brian Martin
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Subject: Safety concerns regarding BBA certificate 08452.

Dear John

I'm not sure we have met. I am currently the official at DCLG responsible for Part B of the Building Regulations.

Its has come to my attention that BBA cert 08452 2008 included advice that the product in question satisfied paragraph 12.7 of volume 2 of Approved Document B. Para 12.7 provides that insulation materials used in external walls should be materials of limited combustibility. It would appear however, that the product in question is not a material of limited combustibility.

I am also aware that cert 08452 has recently been revised and that this reference has been removed.

I am concerned that the original certificate may have been issued in error. As this is a serious safety matter, I would appreciate it if you could investigate and advise me of the outcome of your investigation as soon as possible. Could you please also acknowledge receipt of this email.

Best Regards
Brian Martin
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