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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is not aware of any practice of Irish building control authorities of not taking into account certificates issued by notified bodies in other EU Member States. To assess whether there are grounds for an investigation, the Commission would need more information about the products in question. Under Regulation (EU) 3110/2024¹, if a product is covered by a harmonised technical specification, it must be CE-marked and Member States are required to allow it onto their markets. If a product is not covered by either a harmonised specification or a European technical assessment (ETA), the placing of the product on the market is governed by national frameworks and the principle of mutual recognition.

In the case of non-harmonised or partially harmonised products, Regulation (EU) 2019/515 on mutual recognition² requires the competent authorities of the Member State of destination to take account of test reports and certificates issued by conformity assessment bodies. Competent authorities may not refuse such reports or certificates on grounds related to the competence of the body where it is accredited in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 765/2008³ for the relevant assessment activity. The Commission is not aware of instances where Irish authorities systematically fail to give consideration to certificates issued by accredited bodies in other Member States.

With the Construction Product Regulation (CPR) Acquis process, the Commission aims to update, by 2033, all harmonised standards developed over the last 25 years and to extend coverage to all relevant product families⁴. Further details about the process are laid down in the (First) CPR Working Plan for 2026-2029⁵.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202403110.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32019R0515>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02008R0765-20210716>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0991>.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0772>.