

PRESS RELEASE

Alarm over non-compliant manhole import

The Concrete Pipeline Systems Association (CPSA) has asked WRc to review its approval certificate of Dutch manufacturer Kijlstra for its imported precast concrete manhole bases. According to CPSA, the bases do not comply with Building Regulations Approved Document H, British Standards, the Specification for Highways Works, Sewers for Adoption or the Civil Engineering Specification for the Water Industry.

UK manufacturing members of CPSA diligently ensure that their products comply with the relevant Product Standards and Specifications, whereas it is the CPSA's view that inconsistencies in the WRc approval are misleading UK decision-makers.

Mark Flavell, Chairman of CPSA Technical Committee and BSI committee member comments "We publish Specifications and Standards for a reason. It is to ensure that acceptable levels of performance required in the UK are achieved as non-compliance of products can undermine the integrity of a system. If we ignore the Standards and Specifications developed over many years, we do so at our own risk and may even contravene the law."

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Note to editors:

The Concrete Pipeline Systems Association (CPSA) is the main trade association representing the interests of the manufacturers of concrete pipeline and manhole systems in the UK. The association is active in research and promotion of the many technical, commercial and environmental benefits of precast concrete pipeline systems. CPSA is a product association of British Precast Concrete Federation.

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