

FAQ: BEIS OPSS Construction Products Supply Chain Study

Who is the client?

The client is the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) which is a Directorate within the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Who are the OPSS?

The OPSS is the national regulator for consumer products (except for vehicles, medicine and food) and for legal metrology. The Government announced in January 2021 that OPSS will take on additional responsibilities as the new National Regulator for Construction Products. OPSS will work closely with the Building Safety Regulator and local regulators to promote, encourage and enforce, within the construction products industry, compliance with relevant legislation and to ensure that proportionate and effective regulatory action is taken when non-compliance with the law is identified. Full powers for the OPSS to deliver this new function are expected to be granted in 2023, following the granting of Royal Assent to the Building Safety Bill currently before Parliament.

Why was this study commissioned?

This research will review current practices across the construction products' supply chains and consider what further action might be required, whether by the regulator or by others, to support and strengthen compliance with the law.

What is the scope of this research project?

The study focuses on a selected range of construction products:

- Cables
- Cladding
- Fire barriers
- Fire doors
- Insulation

For each product, this study examines three areas:

- Market size
- Supply chain mapping
- Information flows along the supply chains

Why should I participate?

The study reaches out to a wide range of UK stakeholders to capture their perspectives. Taking part in this research provides you with the opportunity to share your views and opinions, which, in turn, will ensure that the OPSS has the best information available upon which to base decisions.

How can I get involved?

The study involves the collection of information through online survey, interviews, and workshops.

What will the information be used for?

The evidence collected in this study will be used to help assess what measures might be required to support compliance with the law.

Will it be published?

No decision has been made as yet. Publication decisions are subject to the usual policies and procedures governing the publication of commissioned research.