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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 20 August 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of New Zealand.

Title: Proactive Release: Cabinet paper removing barriers to overseas building products

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : The remaining provisions of the Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Act 2025 have been brought into force by Order in Council. It is available here: https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2025/0167/11.0/whole.html The Regulations needed to implement the proposals have been made by Order in Council. The Building (Product Certification) Amendment Regulations 2025 are available here: https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2025/0168/latest/whole.html New deadline for comments (if applicable): |
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Description: The Building (Product Certification) Amendment Regulations 2025 (the Regulations) signal the completion of the current legislative reform to remove barriers to using high quality overseas building products in New Zealand.

The Regulations specify the decision-making criteria that must be satisfied for the:

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

- Minister for Building and Construction to recognise groups of overseas standards and standard certification schemes
- chief executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to recognise overseas certified building products or methods (mandating their acceptance by building consent authorities).

With the remaining provisions of the Amendment Act enacted, and the Regulations in force, recognitions by the Minister for Building and Construction and the chief executive of MBIE may commence.
