

# Why Agrément Certification?

**Agrément Certification** is designed specifically for new innovative building materials, products and systems **that do not yet have a long history of use.**



Products and systems for which there may be **no national standard**



Products and systems for which there may be **no harmonised European product standard (hEN)**



Products and systems for which there may be **no European Technical Assessment (ETA)**

The process of Agrément certification applies to those products and processes which do not fall within the scope of existing construction standards, either because they are **innovative** or because they **deviate from established norms**. NSAI Agrément assesses, specifies testing, and where appropriate, issues Agrément certificates confirming that new building products, materials, techniques and equipment are safe and fit for purpose in accordance with the Irish Building Regulations and with the terms of the certificate. Such certificates may be in addition to, but not conflict with, CE marking. (0.10, TGD D, 2013)

Part D of the Second Schedule to the **Building Regulations** states: **Materials and workmanship D1-** All works to which these Regulations apply shall be carried out with **proper materials and in a workmanlike manner**. “Proper materials” means materials which are fit for the use for which they are intended and for the conditions in which they are to be used, and includes materials which:

(a) **bear a CE Marking** in accordance with the provisions of the Construction Products Regulation;

(b) **comply with an appropriate harmonised standard or European Technical Assessment** in accordance with the provisions of the Construction Products Regulation;

(c) **comply with an appropriate Irish Standard or Irish Agrément Certificate** or **with an alternative national technical specification** contracting party to the Agreement of the European Economic Area (EEA), which provides in use an equivalent level of safety and suitability.