

Notice of Proposal to Amend Building Code Acceptable Solutions G12/AS1 and G12/AS3

Acceptable Solutions Proposed to be Amended

Pursuant to section 29(2) of the Building Act 2004 (“Act”), I give notice of proposed amendments to the following acceptable solutions:

- G12 Water Supplies Acceptable Solution G12/AS1; and
- G12 Water Supplies Acceptable Solution G12/AS3.

The proposed changes include:

- extending the transition period end date for the new limit for lead content in copper alloy drinking water supply products in G12/AS1 to come into effect by eight-months, to 1 May 2026 (from 1 September 2025).
- extending the transition period end date for the new dezincification resistant copper alloy provision in G12/AS1 to align with the proposed extended transition period end date for the new limit for lead content in copper alloy drinking water supply products, 1 May 2026 (from 1 November 2024).
- providing a definition for lead free within G12/AS1 which supports with the new lead in plumbing product provision and aligns with equivalent definitions used in Australia and the United States of America.
- editorial changes within G12/AS1 and G12/AS3.

Copies and Viewing of the Proposal for the Changes

The consultation document for the amendments to the acceptable solutions is available free of charge from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (“MBIE”) website: <http://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/>.

The consultation document is also available from the Wellington office of the Ministry at 15 Stout Street, Wellington, between the hours of 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Comment

I invite comment on the proposals contained in this notice by 5.00pm **23 April 2024**.

Comments can be made in the following ways:

- On-line submission at: <http://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/>.
- By email to: buildingfeedback@mbie.govt.nz, with subject line “Building Code consultation 2024 - G12 Water Supplies”; or
- By courier or post: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, 15 Stout Street, Wellington 6011. Postal Address: PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of April 2024.

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