

Updated version of the EU “Blue Guide” published!



On 5 April 2016, the [European Commission](#) published an updated version of “The Blue Guide on the Implementation of EU Product Rules”. The document, commonly referred to as the “**Blue Guide**”, sets out guidelines on introducing products to the [EU market](#). It serves as a **reference point** for the **implementation** of all the [CE marking directives](#) and **regulations**. The new version of Blue Guide replaces the 2000 edition.

Key topics & changes

The Blue Guide explains how the **EU regulates the free movement of goods**. Some of the **key points** covered by the guide include:

- actors in the product supply chain and their legal obligations
- product requirements
- conformity assessment
- accreditation
- market surveillance

The [2016 version](#) includes both revised and brand new chapters. The new ones concern, among others, the **obligations of manufacturers** and other actors as well as the application of legislation for online sales. The 2016 edition also sets out new guidance on the update and translation of **Declaration of Conformity** and on the format of **instructions for use**.

Authorised Representative

One of the key actors in the supply chain, as listed in the [Blue Guide](#), is the **Authorised Representative**. The [Authorised Representative](#) is a legal representative required for all **non-European manufacturers** placing goods on the [EU market](#). Its main role consists in providing a **registered address** in the EU, serving as a vigilance contact point, completing EU **notification**, national **registration** and representing the manufacturer towards the **competent authorities**.

Blue Guide available on Obelis website

The entire text of the 2016 edition of Blue Guide is now available on [Obelis website](#) in the [Legislation section](#). If you wish to know more about the guide and the legal requirements for introducing goods into the European market, do not hesitate to [contact us](#).