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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Chris Penk	<b>Portfolio</b>	Building and Construction
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Recognising Overseas Certified Building Products and Standards	<b>Date to be published</b>	21 July 2025

### List of documents that have been proactively released

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
June 2025	Recognising overseas certified building products and standards	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
5 June 2025	Recognising overseas certified building products and standards ECO-25-MIN-0085 Minute	Cabinet Office

### Information redacted

**YES**

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# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Recognising Overseas Certified Building Products and Standards

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On 4 June 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Act 2025 (the Building Amendment Act) received Royal assent on 7 April 2025;
- 2        **agreed** to a Commencement Order to bring the provisions in section 2(2) of the Building Amendment Act into force, namely the provisions relating to the power to issue notices recognising overseas building products and methods, overseas standards, and standard certification schemes;
- 3        **noted** that to give effect to the provisions in 2(2) of the Building Amendment Act, regulations are needed setting out the criteria that the chief executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and the Minister for Building and Construction must be satisfied are met before issuing a notice referred to in paragraph 2 above;
- 4        **agreed** that the draft criteria below, which have been developed with industry engagement, are specified in regulations:
  - 4.1        for notices made under section 272HA, the chief executive of MBIE must be satisfied that:
    - 4.1.1        the product certification scheme certifying the building products or methods is accredited to an appropriate standard and has robust processes that are regularly reviewed and monitored; and
    - 4.1.2        there is evidence that the certified building products or methods would comply with, or contribute to compliance with, the New Zealand Building Code; and
    - 4.1.3        the certified building products or methods:
      - 4.1.3.1        are not, or have not been, subject to a warning or ban that could indicate an increased risk of failure; and
      - 4.1.3.2        are not certified by a certifying body that has had its accreditation excluded, suspended, or revoked from the CodeMark New Zealand scheme by the chief executive; and

- 4.1.4 information (including a product certificate or equivalent) is, or can be made, available to enable users of the certified building products or methods to understand how they will perform in relation to their intended use;
- 4.2 for notices made under section 272HB, the Minister for Building and Construction must be satisfied that:

*Groups of standards*

- 4.2.1 the standards organisation that has issued the groups of standards:
- 4.2.1.1 is a full member of the International Organization for Standardization or the International Electrotechnical Commission; or
- 4.2.1.2 has robust and transparent processes for the development, maintenance, and publication of standards, consistent with internationally recognised good standardisation practice; and
- 4.2.2 the groups of standards are, or can be made, available for use in New Zealand;

*Standard certification schemes*

- 4.2.3 the standard certification scheme is accredited to an appropriate standard and has robust processes that are regularly reviewed and monitored;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the policy proposals in the paper under ECO-25-SUB-0085;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to take further decisions, consistent with the proposals under ECO-25-SUB-0085 on any issues which arise during the drafting process, as required;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister for Building and Construction intends to seek final approval for regulations from the Cabinet Legislation Committee by August 2025;

8 Confidential advice to Government

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Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (See over)**

**Present:**

Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Dr Shane Reti  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon James Meager  
Hon Scott Simpson  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Simon Court, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for ECO  
Prime Minister's Office  
Office of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety  
Office of the Minister of Science, Innovation and  
Technology