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To whom it may concern.

CE Marking of reinforcing and prestressing steels.

The European Regulation (UE) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 9 March 2011, laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products, and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC, abbreviated as Construction Products Regulation (CPR), will apply entirely as from 1 July 2013. This regulation exclusively concerns construction products covered by a European harmonised technical specification, (harmonised European Standard [hEN] or European Assessment Document [EAD]).

Whilst both Reinforcing Steel and Prestressing Steel are intended, eventually, to be covered by a harmonized European standard, at the time being no such document exists and therefore no type of reinforcing steels (common steels, galvanised steels, corrosion resistant steels, steel fabric or lattice girders) or pre-stressing steel (bar, wire or strand) will be covered by such a harmonised technical specification, as required by the CPR, as of the 1st July 2013.

As introduced by the CPR, the obligation of manufacturers for the responsible placing of a construction product on the market of the European Union is to provide a Declaration of Performance (DoP) and to affix CE marking to the product. As no harmonized standard or EAD is currently in place for either reinforcing or prestressing steels, this requirements does not apply at this time.

CARES undertakes to inform both its approved firms and potential users of these materials manufactured by its approved firms, by website announcement, of any significant move toward the finalisation of such standards, or of a change to the above.

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