Implications of EN 1090 for the steel industry

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- CE Marking of structural steelwork became a legal requirement in Ireland on 1st July 2014!

- It has now become a **criminal offence** to supply structural steelwork unless it carries a legitimate CE mark.
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- For any project, the required quality of fabrication or the Execution Class must be specified.

- The responsibility for deriving the execution class lies with the Designer/Engineer/Client (Not the Fabricator!).

- There are 4 Execution Classes (EXC) which range from Execution Class 1 which is the least onerous through to Execution Class 4 which is the most onerous.
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- **Production Categories**
  - PC1
    - Farm Buildings: SC1
    - Small Industrial Buildings: SC2
    - Industrial Buildings: SC1
  - PC2
    - Long Span Bridges: SC2
    - High Rise Buildings: SC3
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- Whilst each building needs to be considered on its own merits, Execution Class 2 (EXC2) will be appropriate for the majority of buildings constructed in Ireland.

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- In order for a manufacturer to CE mark their products, they will have to set up a Factory Production Control system be certified by a notified body.
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Issues to be considered:

➢ What existing Quality Management is in operation:

  • ISO 9001
  • ISO 3834
  • None
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Issues to be considered:

➢ What products are manufactured:

  • Farm Buildings
  • Stairs & Balconies
  • Industrial Buildings
  • Stadia
  • Bridges
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Issues to be considered:

- Personnel need to be competent & capable:
  - Experience
  - Qualifications
  - Certified
  - Application of above
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Factory Production Control (FPC):

- The manufacturer shall establish, document and maintain a factory production control (FPC) system

- The system shall consist of written procedures, regular inspections, tests and/or assessments

- A quality system conforming to ISO 9001 satisfies most but not all of the requirements for FPC

- ISO 9001 is not a mandatory requirement for FPC but it helps
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Factory Production Control (FPC):

- **Personnel**
  - Demonstrate competency (by application), responsibility & authority

- **Equipment**
  - Calibrated, inspected & maintained with supporting records

- **Design Process**
  - Identify procedures for checking and provide detailed records
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Factory Production Control (FPC):

- **Constituent Products**
  - Conform to specification, are traceable and records kept

- **Component Specification**
  - Fabrication Drawings, prepared from design information, written inspection / test plan to check conformity
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Factory Production Control (FPC):

- **Product Evaluation**
  - Requires Procedures to ensure characteristics are maintained, specified sampling methods given in EN 1090-1, Table 2

- **Non-Conforming Product**
  - Requires written procedures specifying how they’re dealt with, recorded and kept
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Welding Quality Management System (ISO 3834):

- Welding is a so-called “special” process
  - Means that you cannot make a complete verification of the welded joint without destroying it.
  - To examine the mechanical properties, you have to take samples from the welded product.
  - Therefore you have to build quality in from the beginning.
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Welding Quality Management System (ISO 3834):

- ISO 3834, Quality Requirements for Fusion Welding of Metallic Materials
  - is a specification that was first published as an EN specification almost 20 years ago.
  - Not being a mandatory specification it has, to a large extent, been ignored by welding fabricators who have adopted the attitude that they will implement the requirements when they have to.
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Welding Quality Management System

➢ Clause 5  Requirements review and technical review

   – The overall intent is to ensure that the manufacturer properly understands the technical requirements and that the product can be manufactured in accordance with the contract.
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Welding Quality Management System

➢ Clause 6 Sub-contracting

– The manufacturer should ensure that any sub-contracted welding-related activities comply with the requirements of the contract specification to the satisfaction of the welding coordinator with assigned responsibilities in this area.
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Welding Quality Management System

➤ Clause 7  Welding Personnel

– Welders and welding operators shall be qualified by an appropriate test.

– The manufacturer shall have at his disposal appropriate welding coordination personnel.
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Welding Quality Management System

- Clause 8 Inspection & Testing Personnel
  - The non-destructive testing personnel shall be qualified.
  - For visual testing, a qualification test may not be required.
  - When a qualification test is not required, competence shall be verified by the manufacturer.
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Welding Quality Management System

- **Clause 9  Equipment**
  - ISO 3834 requires that a list of key equipment and facilities be prepared and maintained up-to-date.
  - It is expected that the manufacturer will have implemented a system for the maintenance and calibration of all production equipment.
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Welding Quality Management System

- **Clause 10  Welding & related activities**

  - The manufacturer shall prepare welding-procedure specification(s) and shall ensure that these are used correctly in production.

  - Welding procedures shall be qualified prior to production.

  - The method of qualification shall be in accordance with relevant product standards or as stated in the specification.
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Welding Quality Management System

- **Clause 11  Welding consumables**
  
  - The manufacturer shall produce and implement procedures for storage, handling, identification and use of welding consumables.
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Welding Quality Management System

- Clause 12  Storage of parent materials
  - Storage shall be such that the material, including material supplied by the client, will not be adversely affected.
  - Identification shall be maintained during storage.
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Welding Quality Management System

➢ Clause 14  Welding related inspection and testing
  – Inspection and testing before welding, during and after welding
  – After welding, the compliance with relevant acceptance criteria shall be checked:
    • by visual inspection;
    • by non-destructive testing;
    • by destructive testing;
    • form, shape and dimensions of the construction;
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➢ Clause 15 Non-conformance & corrective action

– Measures shall be implemented to control items or activities which do not conform to specified requirements in order to prevent their inadvertent acceptance.
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- Clause 16  Calibration and validation of measuring, inspection and testing equipment
  - Calibration is the process whereby the item of equipment is tested at intervals against measurement standards whose accuracy in terms of closeness of agreement to the true measurement is known.
  - Validation, in the context of measuring equipment, is the process of demonstrating that individual measurements are satisfactory.
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• Clause 17 Identification and traceability
  – ISO 3834 does not always require identification and traceability.

  – Where the manufacturer has taken on, or is likely to take on, contracts where traceability is required, an appropriate instruction is to be implemented.

  – Identification and traceability shall be maintained throughout the manufacturing process, if required.
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Welding Quality Management System

- **Clause 18** Quality records
  - Requirements for records should be identified at the requirement/technical review.
  - A procedure is required for controlling data that must be collected, verifying it and collating it.
  - Procedure should incorporate data and records required from subcontractors.
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Current Situation
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As of 11\textsuperscript{th} April 2015

- 12 Companies Certified on NSAI Website
- 17 Companies certified on SCCS Website
- Other Notified bodies ????
- Uncertified fabricators (> 100’s)
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Why are so many fabricators still uncertified?

– Lack of knowledge of CE marking
– Lack of knowledge of EN 1090 requirements
– Engineers & Contractors not demanding Certification
– Cost of implementing factory production control
– Lack of surveillance of regulations/specifications
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Lack of knowledge of CE marking

– Some sectors of the industry are not aware of the mandatory requirements of CE marking

– Some sectors are not sure what is included in the scope of CE marking regulations

– Some Engineers and builders are not aware of their responsibilities under the regulations
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Lack of knowledge of EN 1090 requirements

- EN 1090-1, 46 Pages
- EN 1090-2, 214 Pages
- EN 1090-2 refers to 100’s of other standards
- ISO 3834 has 6 parts
- Some small fabricators may not have technical expertise to interpret what is required
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Engineers & Contractors not demanding Certification

– Some engineers and builders are not aware of the implications of using uncertified manufacturers

– Some engineers and builders accept if the manufacturer is ‘working towards’ getting certified

– Some engineers and builders are not aware of CE marking
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Cost of implementing factory production control

- Welder qualifications
- Weld Procedure Qualification Tests
- Responsible Welding Coordinator
- Visual Weld Inspection
- Develop & implement written procedures
- Certification audit
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Lack of surveillance of regulations

– Why spend the money if the regulation won’t be policed

– Most engineers and builders do not perform any surveillance to check for compliance

– Building control officers have not carried out any surveillance of the regulations and are unlikely to do so
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How can compliance with the regulations be ensured?

– Clients should only engage certified steelwork contractor

– Project specifications for steelwork need to be updated to comply with the requirements of EN 1090

– Engineers and builders should perform surveillance to check for compliance with specification

– \( \text{(Certification to EN 1090} \neq \text{Compliance with specification)} \)
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**Declaration of Performance**

No. JE 0655 – Bryn Road

**Type:** Welded steel components in accordance with component specification No. 124384-YTR-ECV-SPE, Rev 0 & Drawing No 124384-YTR-ECV-DRG-115, Rev 0.

**Intended use/s:** Steel structures or composite steel and concrete structures where the components can be made from hot rolled, cold-formed steel. Steel material from which components are made can be in various shapes/profiles e.g. plates, sheet, strip, bars, castings or forgings.

**Manufacturer:** Jamestown Cladding and Profiling Ltd
Unit 20 Newbridge Ind. Est.,
Newbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

**System of assessment and verification of constancy of performance:** System 2+

**Notified Body:** Steel Construction Certification Scheme
4, Whitehall Court. Westminster
London, SW1A 2ES

**Notified Body No:** 2773

Steel Construction Certificate Scheme has performed (i) initial inspection of the manufacturing plant and factory product control and (ii) continuous surveillance, assessment and evaluation of factory production control and issued Factory Production Control certificate 2773-CPR-0046 and Welding certificate 2773-CPR-0046-WC.

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**Essential characteristics**

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1 These characteristics should be interpreted in accordance with Component Specification No. 124384-YTR-ECV-SPE, Rev 0 & Drawing No 124384-YTR-ECV-DRG-115, Rev 0.

The performance of the product identified above is in conformity with the declared performance identified in the table.

Signed for and on behalf of Jamestown Cladding and Profiling Ltd by:

**Niall Fortune, Responsible Welding Coordinator**

**Place and date of issue:**
Jamestown Cladding and Profiling Ltd
Unit 20 Newbridge Ind. Est.,
Newbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

**Date:** 18th June 2013
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Project specifications for steelwork need to be updated to comply with the requirements of EN 1090

– EN 1090 requires Specifiers to make a series of project- or application-specific decisions before execution commences on each part of the works.

– Engineers need to generate project specifications to reflect the requirements of the project
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Engineers and builders should perform surveillance to check for compliance with specification

– Engineers should carry out surveillance to ensure the project is manufactured in compliance with the specification

– (Certification to EN 1090 ≠ Compliance with specification)
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