



EN 998-1 and -2 cited in the EU Official Journal

The revised product standards for rendering and plastering mortars (EN 998-1) as well as masonry mortars (EN 998-2) were already issued by CEN end of 2016 and shortly afterwards started to become available for purchase from the national standardization organizations. European standards however **need to be cited in the EU Official Journal to become “harmonized standards”** i.e. applicable under the CPR. This citation happened for both standards on 11 August 2017. The respective issue of the EU Official Journal in all official languages [can be viewed and downloaded here](#).



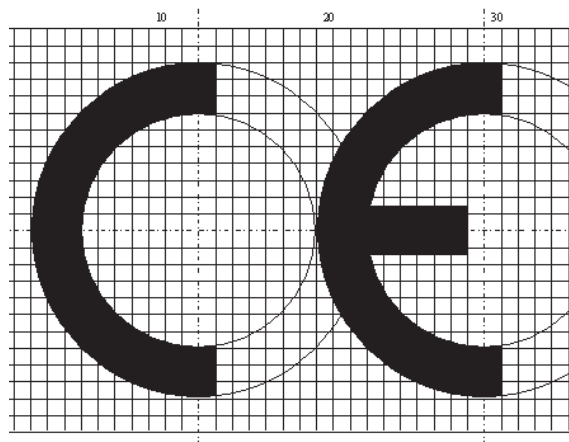
The citation came quite unexpected and unfortunately **with mistakes**. It is important to note that **both standards were cited with only a date of applicability** (the date when the new standards become applicable under the CPR), **but no date for the end of the coexistence period** (the date when the previously cited version of the standard stops being applicable). The EMO secretariat drew the attention of CEN to this mistake and jointly they contacted **the responsible desk officer at the European Commission DG Growth, who confirmed the error and the dates as they should have been published:**

Reference and title of the standard (and reference document)	Reference of superseded standard	Date of applicability of the standard as a harmonized standard	Date of the end of the coexistence period
EN 998-1:2016 Specification for mortar for masonry — Part 1: Rendering and plastering mortar	EN 998-1:2010	11.8.2017	11.8.2018
EN 998-2:2016 Specification for mortar for masonry — Part 2: Masonry mortar	EN 998-2:2010	11.8.2017	11.8.2018

DG Growth informed Member States through the Standing Committee of Construction about the mistake and **intends to correct it at the latest with the next citation of the list of harmonized product standards in the EU Official Journal. In the meantime, the correct dates are already published on the website of the New Approach Notified and Designated Organisations (NANDO), [see here](#).**

Consequently, starting 11 August 2017, for one year manufacturers may place products covered by EN 998-1 respectively EN 998-2 either with a reference to the 2010 or the 2016 issues of the standards. On 11 August 2018 this coexistence ends and reference must be made to the 2016 issues of EN 998-1/-2.

The right moment to switch to the new standards, which comes along with adapting the Declaration of Performance and the CE marking, depends on several factors and may be different from country to country, from company to company and even product to product.



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