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### **ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS LEGISLATION REVISED & UPDATED**

In May 2010, the EU issued a recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and Gibraltar has now transposed this Directive into local legislation, through the Environment (Energy Performance in Buildings) Regulations 2012. These regulations repeal the Building (Energy Performance) Regulations 2010.

The recast legislation seeks to clarify and simplify certain aspects, to extend the scope of the legislation, strengthen certain provisions and to give the public sector a leading role in promoting energy efficiency.

Some of the key changes in the legislation include:

- The requirement for constructors of **all** new buildings to consider alternative energy systems and to provide a report on this to the relevant authorities (previously there was a 1000m<sup>2</sup> size threshold).
- **All** existing buildings undergoing major renovation need to be upgraded so that the building as a whole or the renovated parts meet the minimum energy performance requirements (previously there was a 1000m<sup>2</sup> size threshold).
- By 2018 any new Government building must include plans for the creation of nearly zero energy systems.
- When buildings are offered for sale, the energy performance indicator of the building or the building unit must be shown in any advertisements in the commercial media.
- Penalties for failing to comply with the regulations have been raised to a maximum of level 4 on the standard scale for an individual and to a

minimum of level 5 for a corporate body with a maximum fine of 12.5% of the rateable value of the building.

The legislation can be found on the Laws of Gibraltar website  
[www.gibraltarlaws.gov.gi](http://www.gibraltarlaws.gov.gi)