

**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR  
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**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT**

**BUILDING (AMENDMENT) RULES 2009**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 44, 45 and 46 of the Public Health Act and all other enabling powers, the Governor has made the following Rules—

**Title and commencement.**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Building (Amendment) Rules 2009 and shall come into operation on the day of publication.

**Amendment of the Building Rules 2007.**

2. The Building Rules 2007 are amended as follows—

- (a) in rule E20 paragraph (a) by deleting “6m” and inserting in its place “4.5m”;
- (b) by substituting the following rule for rule E22—

**“E22 Provision of means of escape.**

Any building, or part of a building, to which this Section applies—

- (a) shall be designed and constructed so that there are appropriate means of escape in case of fire from the building to a place of safety outside the building capable of being safely and effectively used at all material times; and
- (b) there shall be provided such other works (other than means of fighting fire) as may be necessary for securing that such means of escape can be safely and effectively used at all material times.”;

- (c) by substituting the following rule for rule E23–

**“E23 Deemed-to-satisfy provisions for the provision of means of escape.**

Without prejudice to the requirements of Section I, the requirements of regulation E22 shall be deemed to be satisfied if the building or part of a building complies with the relevant current British Standards Codes of Practice.”; and

- (d) by inserting the following rule after rule E23–

**“E24 Provision of Fire Doors in respect of flats/apartments.**

Fire doors need to be provided in accordance with the recommendations of BS5588 Part 1: 1990. However in the case of a flat/apartment provided with an early warning system to Category LD2 Grade D in accordance with BS5839 Part 6: 2004, then fire doors do not require a self-closing device except to the front door to any flat/apartment.”.

Dated 13th March, 2009.

R FULTON,

Governor.