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THE CONSTRUCTION ACT IS CHANGING...

Are you affected by the changes to the Construction Act?

The Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act has been amended. The amendments will apply to all construction contracts entered into from October 2011.

The most significant amendments are:

- **Verbal agreements are now covered by the Act.** This means that more of your construction contracts will now need to comply with the provisions of the Act.
- **The payment rules have been substantially revised.** This includes the rules as to what money becomes due, when money becomes due, who has to provide what notices and what should be done if the payer wants to pay less than the sum included in an application for payment.
- **Pay when certified provisions are now banned,** with limited exceptions for some PFI contracts.

What should you do?

If you are contracting (or sub-contracting) using your own "in-house" terms and conditions, these are likely to require amendments in order to comply with the new Act. If you do not amend your conditions, then parts of them could become invalid.

CCC is happy to advise you on whether your terms and conditions need amendment, free of charge.

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