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Republic of Latvia

Cabinet

Regulation No. 793

Adopted 23 December 2014

## **Regulations Regarding the Latvian Construction Standard LBN 206-14, Design of Timber Structures**

*Issued pursuant to  
Section 5, Paragraph one, Clause 3 of the Construction Law*

1. This Regulation approves Latvian Construction Standard LBN 206-14, Design of Timber Structures (hereinafter – the Latvian Construction Standard LBN 206-14).
2. The Ministry of Economics shall, in cooperation with the relevant technical committee for standardisation, recommend the national standardisation body a list of standards that need to be developed, adapted and applied in connection with this Regulation.  
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3. The national standardisation body shall publish on its website a list of Latvian national standards and annexes to the relevant standards to be applied for the purpose of enforcement of the Latvian Construction Standard LBN 206-14.  
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4. Timber structures shall be designed in accordance with the Eurocode standards and their national annexes which are in effect on the day when the designing is commenced.
5. If structures designed until the day of coming into force of this Regulation are being rebuilt or renewed, also such structures which correspond to the construction standards for the design of structures that were in force from 1988 until the day when this Regulation comes into force shall be deemed as suitable structures in local inspections of wooden structural elements if the following conditions are concurrently fulfilled:
  - 5.1. load on the structural element does not increase after rebuilding or renewal;
  - 5.2. the scheme for the calculation of the structural element does not change;
  - 5.3. above-level deflections or other signs of the unsafeness of structures are not found in the technical inspection.
6. Building designs which have been accepted or submitted to a building authority for evaluation until the day when this Regulation comes into force and the technical solutions of which correspond to the requirements of laws and regulations in force at the relevant time need not to be reworked according to the requirements of the Latvian Construction Standard LBN

206-14. Building designs which have been developed on the basis of planning and architectural orders issued until 1 October 2014 need not be reworked according to the requirements of this Regulation.

7. The Regulation shall come into force on 1 January 2015.

Prime Minister

Laimdota Straujuma

Minister for Economics

Dana Reizniece-Ozola

Approved by Cabinet Regulation No. 793  
of 23 December 2014

### **Latvian Construction Standard LBN 206-14, Design of Timber Structures**

1. The construction standard shall prescribe the requirements to be complied with when designing timber structures for buildings and engineering structures.

2. Eurocode standard LVS EN 1990, Eurocode – Basis of structural design, standards of Eurocode 1 family of design standards LVS EN 1991, Eurocode 1: Actions on structures, and standards of Eurocode 5 family of design standards LVS EN 1995, Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures, the list of which and their relevant national annexes are published by the national standardisation body on its website shall be applied in designing timber structures.  
[7 August 2018]

3. Alternative solutions which differ from the provisions of Eurocode standards may be used in designing timber structures if a justification is provided for the non-use of the intended solution and if the alternative solutions correspond to the principles included in the Eurocode and they warrant the structures almost the same level of safety, suitability for operation and survivability as might be expected when using the Eurocode.

Minister for Economics

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