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- From 1 January 2022: in all domestic dwellings leased and sold.
- From 1 January 2027: in all other domestic dwellings.

These changes have implications for anyone buying or selling property with domestic dwellings to ensure compliance with the latest standards. For more information [click here](#).

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