Certification of Building Control in the Netherlands

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Debate

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- Organisation of certification in NL
- Certification of checking the design
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Debate

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Subject

- Checking building plans on confirmation with public requirements to obtain a building permit and site inspection on building according the specifications of the permit
- Requirements: technical, planning and architectural aspects
- Permit procedures: Local Authorities
- --> Here focus: control on technical requirements in the design
Dutch building regulations

Building Decree

1992: nationwide uniform performance based technical requirements:

• Measurable & verifiable
• No constraints on design freedom and innovation

Five main subjects:

Safety
Health
Utility
Energy Saving
Environment (empty)
Dutch building regulations

Housing Act (1901)

- Responsibility for the inspection/enforcement
- Categories of constructions
- Submitting procedures
- Structure and phasing of the permit procedure
- Max. procedure times

Local authority responsible for building control