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CHANGES TO HOME INFORMATION PACKS

With effect from the 6th of April 2009, new regulations came into force concerning Home Information Packs. Previously, a seller simply had to have given instructions for a Home Information Pack (HIP) to be prepared, before putting the property on the market, i.e. the property could then be marketed before the HIP was ready.

However, under the new Regulations the HIP must actually be in place before the property is marketed, so that it is available for prospective purchasers to view from the day that the property is marketed.

The new Regulations also include requirements for additional information to be provided within the HIP, in the form of a Property Information Questionnaire completed by the seller (PIQ), which previously formed part of the "conveyancing" process once solicitors had been instructed, and which is intended to provide buyers with information on a range of issues in respect of the property.

For further information as to how you can commission the preparation of a HIP for your home through Band Hatton, please contact any member of our Residential Property Team.