

# Efficient use of natural stone in the Leningrad Region and South-East Finland

## Proposals

Documentations about testing, certificates and forms available in two languages English and Russian. Often the language represents an obstacle.

Templates available online

Harmonization of the standardization for testing material properties and for radioactive evaluation. GOST and EU standards using same procedures and testing methods. Introduction of product dimensions.

## 6. Recommendations for harmonization of legislative regulations in natural stone trade

Southeast Finland and Leningrad region



## AIM

According to the project plan the general aim is to lower the trade barriers between EU and Russia concerning natural stone and to facilitate easier trade. The project is focused on the most critical technical and material issues, like certificates of radioactivity, affecting the trade.



## Documents for export to Russia

The main documents required to the companies by the Customs had been:

Sales contract, written and expressing the selling conditions

Invoice/ Pro forma – invoice. Both or one, expressing in detail the costs. 2 copies at least, signed and stamped

Customs declaration and declaration of dutiable value done with the importer.

Certificate of Origin can be done as self declaration

Consignment note is important and comprises the packaging list, a document relative to the fact that the material leaves the EU is needed as well.

Export declaration EAD sheet should be also added to the documentation.

Consignment note for transport contains the International waybill CMR that can be obtained online by the major transport companies.

Each item/each block should be marked with the TN VED code

Other documents have not been so far required but are listed for other products than natural stones

Radiation free certificate is an important document that can be obtained also from Finnish bodies. The document has long term validity.

## Accessing the market

### To Russia

The GOST standards are the reference to perform test to place products on the market for certain purposes. The main ones for natural stones to be used on construction sector:

GOST 30629 – 2011 “Facing materials and items made of rocks: testing methods”

GOST 23342 – 91 Architectural-building items made of natural stone. Technical conditions.

GOST 9479 - 2011 “Rock blocks for production of facing, architectural – building, memorial and other items”. It refers to the EN 1467: 2003

GOST 9480 – 89 Facing slabs sawn from natural stone. Technical specifications.

Refers to GOST 9479 and is about dimensions.

GOST 24099-80. Decorative plates on the basis of natural stone. Specifications.

GOST 30629-99. Facing materials and products from rocks. Test methods



### To Finland

Construction materials require CE marking:

EN 1341 Slabs of natural stone for external paving – Requirements and test methods

EN 1342 Setts of natural stone for external paving – Requirements and test methods

EN 1343 Kerbs of natural stone for external paving – Requirements and test methods

EN 1469 Natural stone products - Slabs for cladding - Requirements

EN 12057 Natural stone products - Modular tiles - Requirements

EN 12058 Natural stone products - Slabs for floors and stairs - Requirements

EN 12326-1 Slate and stone products for discontinuous roofing and cladding - Part 1: product

EN 12326-2 Slate and stone products for discontinuous roofing and cladding - Part 2: methods of test

EN 771-6 Specification for masonry units - Part 6: Natural stone masonry units

The tests appear to be several but are often the same for different products.

