



As the UK government may be forced to raise the current VAT rate on insulation and energy efficiency products the British Urethane Foam Contractors Association is advising potential customers to install insulation measures now. This will not only save the difference in VAT should the rate go up, but also save money on ongoing fuel bills.

In June 2015, the European Court of Justice ruled that the UK's reduced VAT rate of 5 per cent for the supply and installation of energy saving measures was unlawful. It is unclear, following this ruling, how the Government is going to proceed and penalties could be imminent if it does not increase the rate of VAT.

Insulation of the building fabric has the most potential to make energy efficiency savings, improve comfort and reduce the carbon footprint. The walls and roof are normally the greatest areas of heat loss. The building fabric should be insulated first before investing in other energy efficiency options, such as renewables.

One method of insulating the walls and roof is with a high performance sprayed, or injected, polyurethane foam which is a very versatile material that can be applied to many differing applications. For instance within the wall cavity, to the underside of the roof, and in voids, plus other areas where an insulant is required. It can also be used to insulate outbuildings, farm buildings, warehousing, and many other commercial/industrial buildings and applications.

Polyurethane foam, when sprayed to the underside of a roof can achieve excellent insulation values and can be used for the dual purpose of roof stabilisation and to counter nail fatigue, prolonging roof longevity rather than re-roofing. This is subject to survey to ensure that the existing roof is sound prior to installation.



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