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## **Irish Code of Practice for Copper Roof Covering**

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### **FOREWORD**

At a meeting in Dublin in July 1962 sponsored by the Copper Development Association, London, between representatives of all parties most intimately concerned with the design and execution of copper roofwork, it was agreed that an Irish Code of Practice for copper roofing would be to the mutual advantage of all connected with the copper roofing industry in Ireland.

A committee was set up to prepare a code which would deal with the particular systems of copper roofing used in Ireland. The Committee was representative of architects, copper roofing contractors, copper sheet suppliers and the Institute, with a representative of the Copper Development Association acting as Secretary. A draft code which was prepared was recommended to the Institute for adoption. Copies of the draft were circulated for technical comment by the Institute to persons and organizations likely to be interested. The draft was revised by the drafting Committee in relation to the comments received, was prepared in final form at the Institute and was approved and adopted by the Standards Committee with the consent of the Minister for Industry and Commerce as an Irish Code of Practice.

The Code follows generally the lines of British Standard Code of Practice 143: Part 4, 1960 "Sheet Roof and Wall Covering. Copper." but varies from it where roofing techniques in the two countries differ, and where it was considered that climatic conditions called for a greater factor of safety in recommending gauges of metal and sizes of sheet.

The principal differences between the codes are:

- (i) the Irish Code covers the conical and triangular roll systems of roofing common in Ireland, and:
- (ii) it specifies bays of lesser area and sheets of heavier gauge than those allowed in the British Code.

The Institute wishes to acknowledge the help of the Copper Development Association and of the drafting Committee in preparing the Code.

The Institute also acknowledges the assistance derived from British Standard Code of Practice No. 143: Part 4, 1960, published by the British Standards Institution, London.

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