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 Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the Florida Building Commission

Dear Ms. Ford:

Please consider this letter as a request for a petition for a declaratory statement before the Florida Building Commission. We are interested in an interpretation relating to "garage door model/series number", one of the items required on a garage door label as provided for in FBC Building Volume section 1714.5.3.4 and in FBC Residential Volume section R613.4.5.

Specifically, we would like to ask the following question: Is "garage door product code" considered an acceptable equivalent to "garage door model/series number"?

A "product code" is used in the industry when multiple model/series numbers are used for the same product configuration off of the same production line. Different model/series numbers may be used for different brand names, where each brand name is targeted to a specific market. Different model/series numbers may also be used for different distribution channels (e.g. retail, regional distributor, direct-to-dealer). One garage door manufacturer has informed us that they may have up to 9 model/series numbers for the same product configuration; therefore, in this example, use of a "product code" would be more practical than listing nine different model/series numbers on a garage door label.

For manufacturers using "product code" on a garage door label, model/series numbers would be cross-referenced in Florida product approval related documents in order to comply with provisions in the applicable Florida Building Code Volumes.

Please advise as to when our Petition will be considered by the Commission. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. HETZEL, P.E.
 Technical Director

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cc: Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee
 Mo Madani, Florida Department of Community Affairs



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Please respond to
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To "Paula Ford" <paula.ford@dca.state.fl.us>

cc "Mo Madani" <mo.madani@dca.state.fl.us>

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Subject Petition for Declaratory Statement Before the Florida Building Commission

To:
Paula Ford, Clerk of the Florida Building Commission
Department of Community Affairs

cc:
Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee
Mo Madani, Florida Department of Community Affairs

Please see the attached correspondence for your consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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09/08/2008 09:09 AM

To: <joe.bigelow@dca.state.fl.us>
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Subject: FW: Petition for Declaratory Statement

History:

This message has been replied to.

From: Joe Hetzel [mailto:jhetzel@taol.com]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 9:08 AM
To: 'Joe.Bigelow@dca.state.fl.us'
Cc: Mo.Madani@dca.state.fl.us
Subject: FW: Petition for Declaratory Statement

Joe,

It would be the 2007 Florida Building Code Volumes. I believe the 2007 is the only version of the Volumes that includes the garage door labeling language.

Thanks,

Joe

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From: Jennifer Boyle [mailto:jboyle@taol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 3:17 PM
To: Joe Hetzel
Subject: Fw: Petition for Declaratory Statement

----- Original Message -----

From: Joe Bigelow@dca.state.fl.us
To: jboyle@taol.com
Cc: Mo.Madani@dca.state.fl.us
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 3:23 PM
Subject: Re: Petition for Declaratory Statement

Hello Joe,

Regarding your recent petition for declaratory statement, which code version did you have in mind for an answer, the 2004 Code or 2007? Please let me know

Thank you

Joe Bigelow

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