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Petition For Declaratory Statement before the Florida Building Code Commission

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This petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Rule 61G20-3.001. Petitioner seeks clarification as to whether exterior railing is within the scope of the Florida product approval program.

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Background

INTEX Millwork Solutions is a manufacturer of Cellular PVC railing systems. Architects, Contractors, and Inspectors are all asking us for the FBC approval number for our railing products.

Following is an example of what we encounter

From: Carter Manierre <cquality@arcdesign.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 12:02 PM
To: Ned Lawrence <nlawrence@intexmillwork.com>
Subject: Your catalog

Hi Ned, My name is Carter Manierre, and I have taken on the role of Quality checking here at ArcDesign. Your catalog that was sent to Randy was forwarded to me, and I must say, beautiful pieces! I do have a question. Do your products have Florida Approval Code numbers? As you likely know, just about everything on the exterior of a building in this state requires approval by the FBC. And I have spent many hours searching out the FBCs for everything - windows, doors, soffits, etc.

I look forward to your reply

Best Regards, Carter

The architect may be wrong in the premise, "asking for an FBC # " but this is the perception and the same is true with Builders, and Building Inspectors. The majority of them incorrectly believe FBC code approval numbers apply to all products as a basis for their product decision making and have done so for years. We have submitted our CRRR Report showing testing results to FBC codes to them but they do not accept that as sufficient. They just ask us for the FBC number and will not review, use, or approve our product otherwise.

Summary

Petitioner respectfully seeks clarification whether railing systems fall under the scope of the FBC product approval program. We appreciate your consideration of this information and request for a Declaratory Statement.

Ned Lawrence


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