

Information Bulletin

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TO ALL BUILDING OFFICIALS

Required Thermal Insulation Above Exterior Walls

Sentence 9.25.2.3.(9) of the 1998 BC Building Code stated:

9) The thermal resistance rating of attic space insulation may be reduced for a distance of 1.0 m from the exterior wall provided the thermal resistance rating is not less than required for the wall insulation.

This Sentence was inadvertently omitted from the 2006 BC Building Code (BCBC). This oversight has created some confusion, particularly in its impact on the truss industry. There was no intention that the implementation of the 2006 BCBC would require any changes to truss design to accommodate additional insulation above an exterior wall. Sentence 9.25.2.3.(9) is intended to be reinstated in the 2006 BCBC by a minister's order in the near future.

We apologize for this oversight and request your considerations until the formal Code change has been made.

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