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Stucco Lath Specifications, Table 9.28.4.3. 2006 BC Building Code

For buildings that fall under the scope of Part 9 of the British Columbia Building Code (BCBC), Article 9.28.4.3. specifies a minimum diameter for wire that is used for welded or woven wire. This requirement reflects traditional stucco lath manufactured with round wire.

It has been brought to our attention that stucco lath is being supplied to the industry which uses wire with a rectangular section, as compared to the common round wire.

It is the opinion of the Office of Housing and Construction Standards that welded stucco lath using rectangular wire with an equivalent cross sectional area to the specified diameter in Table 9.28.4.3. meets the Building Code's intent and objectives. As it is not the intent of Article 9.28.4.3. to preclude the use of wire other than round wire, the Building Policy Branch will be recommending Table 9.28.4.3. be amended to include the addition of equivalent cross sectional areas to that of the diameter wire specified.

We request your considerations until the formal Code change has been made.

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