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Manufactured Windows, Doors and Skylights:

Further Extension of Compliance Deadline with the Requirements of the 2012 BCBC

Subsection 9.7.4. of the 2012 BC Building Code (BCBC) requires windows, doors and skylights to conform to *AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08 NAFS – North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors, and Skylights* (NAFS). This newly referenced standard may require manufacturers to test a broader range of products. As a result, there may be a temporary shortage of NAFS conforming products available in BC.

On March 7, 2013, the deadline for compliance with NAFS was extended to July 2, 2013. This deadline has now been further extended to December 20, 2013.

Any window, door and skylight installed on or after December 20, 2013 must conform to the new NAFS Standard as well as *A440S1-09 Canadian Supplement to AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440, NAFS – North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors, and Skylights*. (This effective date is not associated with the date of the building permit as are some revisions to the BC Building Code.)

Prior to December 20, 2013, windows installed in Part 9 buildings may conform to the requirements of the 2006 BC Building Code however NAFS compliant windows are also permitted. This further delay will allow industry time to have products tested and manufactured to the new NAFS standard.

Examples:

Scenario #1: A builder applied for a building permit prior to December 20, 2012. Therefore, windows, doors and skylights must comply with the standards referenced in the 2006 BCBC. The date of installation is irrelevant in this scenario.

Scenario #2: A builder applies for a permit after December 21, 2012 and installs the windows prior to December 20, 2013. The windows may comply with the NAFS standard (2012 BCBC requirements) or the 2006 BCBC requirements. The date of window installation is important to note during this transition time.

Scenario #3: A builder applies for a permit after December 21, 2012 and installs the windows on or after December 20, 2013. The windows must comply with NAFS. (2012 BCBC)