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Dear Licensed Home Inspectors:

This message provides clarification on one specific topic related to the law governing home inspector licensing in British Columbia – licensee adherence to a recognized scope of practice when conducting a home inspection.

Once the remaining changes to the law are in place (anticipated in 2017), adherence to a single, standardized scope of practice will be mandatory for all licensed home inspectors in British Columbia. This scope of practice, developed in collaboration with experienced home inspectors and industry representatives, is intended to enhance consistency and clarity for consumers and home inspector licensees. Notice will be given before this requirement is implemented, to allow stakeholders – including licensed home inspectors, their professional associations, and Consumer Protection BC – time to adapt to the changes.

In the meantime, government expects licensed home inspectors, whether a member of a professional association or not, to adhere to a scope of practice available through one of the following organizations:

- American Society of Home Inspectors,
- Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of British Columbia,
- Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors,
- Canadian National Association of Certified Home Inspectors, or
- Home Inspectors Association BC.

This is in addition to any requirements set out in the Home Inspector Licensing Regulation.

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We will continue to provide you with updates as they become available.

Respectfully,



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