



TOWN OF COMOX

BUILDING CODE CHANGE BULLETIN **From The Building Department for the Town Of Comox**

On December 20, 2012, an updated version of the BC Building Code came into effect. As part of this update, a new harmonized regulation for manufactured **doors, windows, and skylights**, AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440, “NAFS – North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors, and Skylights”, was introduced in Sentence 9.7.4.2.(1) of Division B, known as NAFS or the “Harmonized Standard”, the regulation combines several regulations in force throughout North America in an effort to simplify the regulatory environment governing fenestration products for both manufacturers and designers.

Under Ministerial Order MO 110/2013, **windows, doors, and skylights** installed on or after December 20th 2013, must conform to the new NAFS Standard, including the A440S1-09 Canadian supplement.

In order to verify compliance, installed windows, doors and skylights must be labeled, from the manufacturer showing these standards.

Drawing Details at Building Permit Application—Permit drawings at application stage, shall indicate the new NAFS standards specification prior to permit issuance. The new standard requires specific design criteria based on orientation of the window, door or skylight. Please talk to your supplier or manufacturer for the correct selection, and provide design calculations **with your application**. Design calculation worksheets can be obtained on our webpage, or in the office and must include calculations and supporting data used to determine applicability of Open vs Rough Terrain including a radius map based on southeast and northwest wind directions and building, tree and obstruction intensity and continuity within the radius specification.

Once permit is issued- The Building Official will confirm, at Framing Inspection, that windows, doors and skylights do meet these standards, by technical data provided on the labels attached to your windows, door and skylights. **These labels need to stay attached until you pass your Framing inspection.**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ian Rogers-Building Inspector- 250-339-2259 irogers@comox.ca