

SECTION 1703 APPROVALS

LA 1703.1 Approved agency. An approved agency shall provide
LA all information as necessary for the Superintendent of Building
LA to determine that the agency meets the applicable requirements
LA pursuant to Section 98.0503 of the Los Angeles Municipal
LA Code.

LA 1703.2 Written approval. Any material, appliance, equip-
LA ment, system or method of construction meeting the require-
LA ments of this Code shall be approved in writing after
LA satisfactory completion of the required tests and submission of
LA required test reports pursuant to Sections 98.0501 and 98.0502
LA of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

LA 1703.3 Approved record. For any material, appliance, equip-
LA ment, system or method of construction that has been
LA approved, a record of that approval, including the conditions
LA and limitations of the approval, shall be kept on file in the
LA Department and shall be open to public inspection at appropri-
LA ate times.

LA 1703.4 Performance. Specific information consisting of test
LA reports conducted by an approved testing agency in accordance
LA with standards referenced in Chapter 35 of this Code, or other
LA information as necessary, shall be provided for the Superinten-
LA dent of Building to determine that the material meets the appli-
LA cable Code requirements, including Sections 98.0501 and
LA 98.0502 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

LA 1703.4.1 Research and investigation. Sufficient technical
LA data shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Building to
LA substantiate the proposed use of any material or assembly. If
LA it is determined that the evidence submitted is satisfactory
LA proof of performance for the use intended, the Superinten-
LA dent of Building shall approve the use of the material or
LA assembly subject to the requirements of this Code. The
LA costs, reports and investigations required under these provi-
LA sions shall be paid by the permit applicant as required by
LA this Code and Sections 98.0501, 98.0502 and 98.0503 of the
LA Los Angeles Municipal Code.

LA 1703.4.2 Research reports. Supporting data, where neces-
LA sary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not
LA specifically provided for in this Code, shall consist of valid
LA research reports from approved sources as required in Sec-
LA tions 98.0501 and 98.0502 of the Los Angeles Municipal
LA Code.

LA 1703.5 Labeling. Where materials or assemblies are required
LA by this code to be labeled, such materials and assemblies shall
LA be labeled by an approved agency in accordance with Section
LA 1703. Products and materials required to be labeled shall be
LA labeled in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections
LA 1703.5.1 through 1703.5.3.

LA 1703.5.1 Testing. An approved agency shall test a represen-
LA tative sample of the product or material being labeled to the
LA relevant standard or standards. The approved agency shall
LA maintain a record of the tests performed. The record shall
LA provide sufficient detail to verify compliance with the test
LA standard.

1703.5.2 Inspection and identification. The approved
agency shall periodically perform an inspection, which
shall be in-plant if necessary, of the product or material that
is to be labeled. The inspection shall verify that the labeled
product or material is representative of the product or materi-
al tested.

1703.5.3 Label information. The label shall contain the
manufacturer's or distributor's identification, model num-
ber, serial number or definitive information describing the
product or material's performance characteristics and
approved agency's identification.

1703.6 Heretofore approved materials. The use of any mate-
rial already fabricated or of any construction already erected,
which conformed to requirements or approvals heretofore in
effect, shall be permitted to continue, if not detrimental to life,
health or safety to the public.

1703.7 Evaluation and follow-up inspection services. Where
structural components or other items regulated by this code are
not visible for inspection after completion of a prefabricated
assembly, the permit applicant shall submit a report of each
prefabricated assembly. The report shall indicate the complete
details of the assembly, including a description of the assembly
and its components, the basis upon which the assembly is being
evaluated, test results and similar information and other data as
necessary for the building official to determine conformance to
this code. Such a report shall be approved by the building offi-
cial.

1703.7.1 Follow-up inspection. The permit applicant shall
provide for special inspections of fabricated items in accord-
ance with Section 1704.2.

1703.7.2 Test and inspection records. Copies of necessary
test and inspection records shall be filed with the building
official.

SECTION 1704 SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

LA 1704.1 General. Where application is made for construction as
LA described in this section, the owner or the registered design
LA professional in responsible charge who is acting as the owner's
LA agent shall employ one or more deputy inspectors to provide
LA inspections during construction on the types of work listed in
LA Sections 1704 and 1707. The Registered Deputy Inspector
LA shall be a qualified person as set forth in Section 1704.1.3 and
LA shall demonstrate competence to the satisfaction of the Super-
LA intendent of Building for inspection of the particular type of
LA construction or operation requiring special inspection. The
LA Registered Deputy Inspector shall be approved by and shall be
LA responsible to the registered design professional in charge of
LA the design of the structure.

The special inspections shall be in addition to the inspections
made by the employees of the Department as set forth in Sec-
tion 108 of this Code.

All special inspections shall be made by a Registered Deputy
Inspector. Whenever the term "Special Inspector" is used in