

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL REGULATIONS

301.0 Materials – Standards and Alternates.

301.1 Minimum Standards.

301.1.1 Approvals. All pipe, pipe fittings, traps, fixtures, material, and devices used in a plumbing system shall be listed or labeled (third-party certified) by a listing agency (accredited conformity assessment body) and shall conform to approved applicable recognized standards referenced in this code, and shall be free from defects. Unless otherwise provided for in this code, all materials, fixtures, or devices used or entering into the construction of plumbing systems, or parts thereof, shall be submitted to the Authority Having Jurisdiction for approval.

301.1.2 Marking. Each length of pipe and each pipe fitting, trap, fixture, material, and device used in a plumbing system shall have cast, stamped, or indelibly marked on it the manufacturer's mark or name, which shall readily identify the manufacturer to the end user of the product when such marking is required by the approved standard that applies. When required by the approved standard that applies, the product shall be marked with the weight and the quality of the product. All materials and devices used or entering into the construction of plumbing and drainage systems, or parts thereof, shall be marked and identified in a manner satisfactory to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. All such marking shall be done by the manufacturer. Field marking shall not be acceptable.

301.1.3 Standards. Standards listed or referred to in this chapter or other chapters cover materials that will conform to the requirements of this code, when used in accordance with the limitations imposed in this or other chapters thereof and their listing. Where a standard covers materials of various grades, weights, quality, or configurations, there may be only a portion of the listed standard that is applicable. Design and materials for special conditions or materials not provided for herein may be used only by special permission of the Authority Having Jurisdiction after the Authority Having Jurisdiction has been satisfied as to their adequacy. A list of accepted plumbing materials standards is included in Table 14-1. All IAPMO Installation Standards are included in Appendix I for the convenience of the users of this code.

They are not considered as a part of this code unless formally adopted as such by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

301.1.4 Existing Buildings. In existing buildings or premises in which plumbing installations are to be altered, repaired, or renovated, the Authority Having Jurisdiction has discretionary powers to permit deviation from the provisions of this code, provided that such a proposal to deviate is first submitted for proper determination in order that health and safety requirements, as they pertain to plumbing, shall be observed.

301.2 Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction Equivalency. Nothing in this code is intended to prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this code. Technical documentation shall be submitted to the Authority Having Jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency. The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall approve the system, method, or device when determined to be equivalent or superior. **[HCD 1 & HCD 2] See Section 108.7.**

However, the exercise of this discretionary approval by the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall have no effect beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of said Authority Having Jurisdiction. Any alternate material or method of construction so approved shall not be considered as conforming to the requirements and/or intent of this code for any purpose other than that granted by the Authority Having Jurisdiction when the submitted data does not prove equivalency.

301.2.1 Testing. The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall have the authority to require tests, as proof of equivalency.

301.2.1.1 Tests shall be made in accordance with approved standards, by an approved testing agency at the expense of the applicant. In the absence of such standards, the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall have the authority specify the test procedure.

301.2.1.2 The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall have the authority to require tests to be made or repeated if, at any time, there is reason to believe that any material or device no longer conforms to the requirements on which its approval was based.