

## **FORMAL INTERPRETATION No. 16-03**

Subject: Special Exterior Wall Panel Labeling and Inspections  
Reference: UAP, Part IV, Section 4(A)(1)(b) and Part VIII, Section 3(B)  
Effective Date: October 15, 2016

### ISSUE

Certain companies manufacture exterior wall panels that are open construction except for the exterior wall covering and sheathing. The remainder of the building including floors and roof are constructed and inspected on site. The wall panels typically enclose large areas and require the same number of labels as closed panel construction – one for every 600 square feet of finished floor area in accordance with UAP, Part IV, Section 4(A)(1)(b). Furthermore, the minimum frequency of inspections – which is specified in terms of units or modules under UAP, Part VIII, Section 3(B) – cannot be readily applied to wall panel manufacturers.

### INTERPRETATION

The Commission has determined that requirements for exterior wall panels that are open construction except for the exterior wall covering and sheathing should be based on linear feet of wall manufactured.

1. Each structure shall require one certification label for every 125 linear feet or part thereof, of wall length.
2. The minimum frequency of inspections shall be such that not less than 20 percent of the walls of each structure in linear feet are inspected by the inspection agency.