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National Building Code 1996, Section 1705.0 Special Inspections
Uniform Building Code 1994, Section 1701 Special Inspections

ISSUE: Which provisions of special inspections apply to industrialized/modular building manufacturers?

INTERP.: Model building codes generally do not require special inspections if the fabricator maintains and implements detailed fabrication and quality control procedures and is monitored by an approved inspection or quality control agency who periodically conducts in-plant inspections (see BOCA Section 1705.2 Exception and ICBO Section 1701.1 Approved Fabricators). Since industrialized/modular manufacturers meet these criteria, the Commission has determined that they are not subject to special inspections. However, where applicable, a manufacturer’s quality control procedures must include the specific inspections, tests and test methods prescribed by the model building codes for special inspections.

The Commission has also determined that fabricators of steel chassis are not subject to special inspections. However, manufacturers who purchase such chassis must have the applicable designs and documents approved by their evaluation agency and, in accordance with MRR Part V, Section 2(B), the compliance assurance manual must include procedures for their inspection.