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**To:** Manufacturers of Architectural, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Equipment/Components Subject to CBC Special Seismic Certification Requirements

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**Subject:** Mandatory Compliance with Special Seismic Certification and Equipment Labeling Requirements

This memorandum formally notifies all manufacturers that equipment and components supplied for installation in projects under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Hospital Planning and Development (OSHPD) – specifically, California hospitals and skilled nursing facilities – must comply with the special seismic certification and labeling requirements outlined in Chapter 17 or 17A of the California Building Code (CBC), as applicable.

The CBC mandates special seismic certification for certain nonstructural components and equipment within the Designated Seismic System in California hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. In addition to certification through approved testing methodologies, the CBC requires that each unit has a permanent, durable label affixed directly to the equipment. (See CBC Section 1703.5 or 1703A.5, as applicable, for Labeling requirements.)

### **Required Label Content**

At a minimum, the equipment label must include the following:

- Manufacturer's identification, model number, serial number, or definitive information describing the performance characteristics of the product, material, or assembly, and the approved agency's identification.
- Reference to the OSHPD approval (e.g., OSP number) or applicable certification report (ICC-ES AC156 or equivalent).
- Certified seismic performance parameters, including  $S_{DS}$ ,  $z/h$ , and  $I_p$ .
- A certificate of compliance in accordance with CBC Section 1704.5 or 1704A.5 Item #3, as applicable.

*Exception:* Approved OSPs and project-specific, OSHPD-approved shake table test reports fulfill the "certificate of compliance" requirement.

Labels must be permanent, corrosion-resistant, and field-visible after installation (CBC Chapter 17A, Section 1703A.5.4, Labeling). Documentation alone is not sufficient.

### **Factory Labeling Requirement**

All special seismic certification labels must be affixed at the factory prior to packaging and shipping. Labels shipped separately for field attachment are not acceptable.

Equipment arriving at the construction site without the required factory-installed seismic certification label will be rejected.

This requirement is non-negotiable and will be strictly enforced.

### **Submittal Requirements**

Construction documents submitted for review and approval must provide the following:

- Complete special seismic certification documentation.
- Reference to the applicable OSHPD OSP listing or Test reports and associated analysis summaries.
- Support and attachment details consistent with the certified configuration.
- Confirmation that the delivered equipment matches the certified model and configuration.

Incomplete or non-compliant submittals will delay approval and may result in equipment rejection.

### **Enforcement**

OSHPD will enforce these requirements through the following:

- Review of project construction document submittals.
- Construction-phase verification (receiving inspections by the contractor and Inspector of Record [IOR]).
- Special inspections (refer to CBC Section 1705.13.4 and 1705A.13.5, as applicable).

Equipment and components lacking the required **factory-installed** special seismic certification label will be rejected and removed from the project site at the contractor's expense.

### **Action Required**

Please review your product lines to ensure that all equipment intended for use in OSHPD projects is:

1. Properly seismically certified.
2. Correctly labeled at the factory.
3. Supported by complete and accurate documentation.

Non-compliance may result in removal from OSP listings and equipment rejection on active projects.