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Question:

If more than one universal toilet room is provided would Sentences 3.7.2.2.(2) and (3) still apply?

Interpretation:

No.

If only one universal toilet room is provided Sentence 3.7.2.2.(2) permits the reduction of occupant load by 10 when determining the number of water closets required; however, the water closet in such universal toilet room cannot be included as one of the required number of water closets as per Sentence 3.7.2.2.(3) unless a single water closet is permitted in accordance with Sentence (4).

Sentences 3.7.2.2.(2) and (3) only apply when only one universal toilet room is provided. When more than one universal toilet rooms are provided these two Sentences do not apply.

In a restaurant with an occupant load of 100 if one universal toilet room is provided the occupant load can be reduced from 100 to 90. According to Table 3.7.2.2.A. one regular water closet for male and two for female are required in additional to the water closet in the universal toilet room.

If two universal toilet rooms are provided no reduction of the occupant load is applied and the occupant load remains at 100. According to Table 3.7.2.2.A. one regular water closet for male and two for female are required. The two water closets in the two universal toilet rooms can be counted towards the required fixtures and one more regular water closet for the female is required.

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