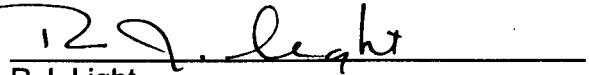
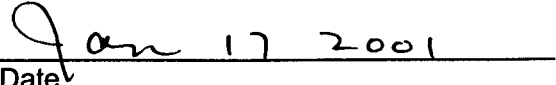


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<b>INTERPRETATION</b>		
Interpretation Date:	January 17, 2001	File No.:
Building Code Edition:	B.C. Building Code 1998	<b>98 – 0016</b>
Subject:	American Reference Standards	
Keywords:	Reference standards	
Building Code Reference(s):	Table 2.7.3.2.;2.5.3.	Page 1 of 1
<p><b>Question:</b> Are American reference standards acceptable for use in buildings that are designed and constructed in British Columbia?</p>		
<p><b>Interpretation:</b> Yes, with limitations.</p> <p>Table 2.7.3.2. lists the acceptable reference standards that have been endorsed for use in British Columbia. Many of these reference standards originate in the U.S.A.</p> <p>Reference standards that are not listed in Table 2.7.3.2. cannot be used for the design and construction of components of buildings that are regulated in the B.C. Building Code unless the proponent can clearly demonstrate that such a reference standard provides an equivalent level of safety in accordance with Section 2.5 "Equivalents".</p> <p>Components of buildings that are not regulated in the B.C. Building Code may reference other appropriate standards which are additional to the applicable building code requirement or referenced standard.</p> <p>It should be noted that there are some unique requirements in the B.C. Building Code that would preclude "automatic" acceptance of products complying with American reference standards (e.g. pressure differential for testing of fire stop systems).</p>		
 R.J. Light, Committee Chair		 Date