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Subject: Slip-resistance of exterior stair

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Building Code Reference(s): 9.8.9.6.(1), 9.8.9.6.(2)

Question:

Does the Sentence 9.8.9.6.(2) requirement for slip-resistant finish to stair treads and landings apply to exterior stairs serving a single family dwelling?

Interpretation:

Yes.

Sentence 9.8.9.6.(2) does not apply to interior stairs within a dwelling unit but does apply to all exterior stairs.

Sentence 9.8.9.6.(2) requirement applies to exterior stairs serving a single-family dwelling and must be either a slip-resistant tread and landing finish or be provided with slip-resistant strips that extend not more than 1mm above the surface.



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