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INTERPRETATION

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Subject:	Egress doors from roof decks or contained open space
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Question:

1. Are egress doors on the path of travel to an exit facility from an occupied roof deck or other contained exterior space with an occupant load of more than 60 persons required to swing in the direction of exit travel?
2. Are egress doors on the path of travel to an exit facility from an occupied roof deck or other contained exterior space with an occupant load of more than 100 persons required to have exit release hardware in accordance with Sentence 3.4.6.16.(3)

Interpretation:

1. Yes.

Sentence 3.3.1.3.(6) states that 2 separate means of egress at the roof level, designed in conformance with the requirements for exits in Section 3.4., shall be provided from a roof used for an occupant load more than 60 persons. So, the entire access to exit must be designed to the requirements of exits.

Egress doors in the path of travel from a roof deck to an exit facility must comply with Sentence 3.4.6.12.(1) and swing in a vertical axis in the direction of exit travel.

2. Yes.

Similarly, egress doors in the path of travel from a roof deck to an exit facility must comply with Sentence 3.4.6.16.(3) and be provided with exit release hardware when the occupant load of the roof exceeds 100 persons.



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