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INTERPRETATION

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Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2024, Book II: Plumbing Systems (BCPC) and BC Building Code Book I: General
Subject:	Restricted Location of Sanitary Drainage Pipes
Keywords:	Sanitary Drainage Pipes, Food-handling Equipment, Food-processing Equipment
Building Code Reference(s):	2.4.6.2.(1)(c)
Question:	<p>Clause 2.4.6.2.(1)(c) prohibits sanitary drainage pipes from being located directly above food-handling or food-processing equipment. Are dishwashing sinks (pot sinks), dishwashers and hand sinks considered as food-handling or processing equipment?</p>
Interpretation:	<p>No.</p> <p>Sinks and equipment specifically meant for dishwashing or hand-washing would not be considered as “food-handling or food-processing equipment”.</p> <p>However, if a sink is intended to be utilized for food preparation, such as for washing vegetables or preparing meat for cooking, then Clause 2.4.6.2.(1)(c) would apply.</p>
	<p></p> <hr/> <p>Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair</p>
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