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Subject:	Minimum Slope for a <i>Ramp</i>
Keywords:	Slope, <i>ramp</i> , landing
Building Code Reference(s):	9.8.6.2.(1)(b), 9.8.6.3.(6)
Questions:	<p>Clause 9.8.6.2.(1)(b) states that a landing shall be provided at the top and bottom of every <i>ramp</i> with a slope greater than 1 in 50.</p> <p>Since <i>ramps</i> are defined to have a slope greater than 1 in 20, is the wording of Clause 9.8.6.2.(1)(b) incorrect?</p>
Interpretation:	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The intent is for every <i>ramp</i> (defined as more than 1 in 20) to have a landing at the top and bottom where the slope of the landing does not exceed 1 in 50 as per Sentence 9.8.6.3.(6).</p>
	<p></p> <hr/> <p>Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair</p>
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