



## Informal Interpretation Report Number 6635



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### **Question:**

Is it the intent of the Building Code to allow professional structural engineers to design the anchorage of glazing systems that differ from the products NOA do to substrate, or geometry, or pressure requirements?

### **Answer**

Yes. Diverging from a product approval, be it local approval, an authorized testing lab or NOA sheet, or Florida approval number places the responsibility on the design professional. Please see the commentary for additional information.

### **Commentary:**

A properly registered design professional (engineer, for example) may submit drawings as a "design" in accordance with the product approval rule for local approval to the local official as the system was intended (Step 1). A design professional may also take testing data and provide it with appropriate documentation as an alternate method to the local official for approval (Step 2). The last step of the product approval process, Step 3, is to use a product approval number, or NOA. The building code did not intend to take away the ability of the local official to approve appropriate designs and this process is in conformance with the building code.

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