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Section 1714.5.2.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1714.5.2.1 to require the permanent label on exterior windows and sliding glass doors to provide traceability to the manufacturer and product by requiring the label to have either the product approval number or the product model/series number?

Answer

Yes, the question is complicated, but, the code states "Exterior windows and sliding glass doors shall be labeled with a permanent label, marking or etching providing traceability to the manufacturer and product." The Permanent label does not require the product approval on it, it could be but the second section allows that to be placed on the temporary label. (as follows) "The following shall also be required either on a permanent label or on a temporary supplemental label applied by the manufacturer: information identifying the manufacturer, the product model/series number, positive and negative design pressure rating, product maximum size, glazing thickness, impact-resistance rating if applicable, Florida Product Approval number or Miami-Dade Product Approval number, applicable test standard(s), and approved product certification agency, testing laboratory, evaluation entity or Miami-Dade Product Approval." "The labels are limited to one design pressure rating per referenced standard. The temporary supplemental label shall remain on the window or door until final approval by the building official. "the question is "does the permanent label have to contain either the product approval number or the product model/series number?" There are two ways of tracking a product, 1. Through a product approval number or 2. Identifying the

specific product.

Commentary:

Regarding Miami-Dade County product approvals, the label information required by the Miami-Dade County Product Approval Section on permanent labels includes the manufacturer name and/or logo, the city and state where the product was manufactured and the Miami-Dade County Product Control Approved designation. This information allows for traceability to the manufacturer and the product throughout the entire life of the product by utilizing the online product control search system. This information regarding Miami-Dade Product approval does not reflect the wording in the Code.

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