



Informal Interpretation Report Number 8171



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Section Table 403.3.1.1 - Private dwellings, single and multiple

Question:

Is mechanical exhaust required in the kitchens of dwelling units, that are in Condominium and Apartment Buildings that are taller than 3 stories in height?

Answer

Mechanical exhaust is required, however, when reading footnote b the phrase "and the recirculation of air from such spaces is prohibited" could confuse the issue. Contained in the 2017 update is the allowance for "Recirculation of air that is contained completely within such space shall not be prohibited....." So in this instance, the apartment area is the space, including the kitchen area. Therefore, a recirculation hood could be installed.

ICC Commentary, as confusing as it seems, does not discuss apartments, but multiple unit bldgs. As long as the air being recirculated is being maintained in the space that is served by that unit, it is allowed.

Commentary:

None.

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