



## California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Application of wildfire protection requirements to agricultural buildings.		
Code Section(s)	<b>2007 California Building Code Sections 701A &amp; 704A5.1</b>		
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**2007 CBC Section 701A states that the wildfire protection provisions of Ch7A apply to “New buildings located in any Fire Hazard Severity Zone [as specified]...” and Section 704A.5.1 states “When required by the enforcing agency, ancillary buildings and structures and detached accessory structures shall comply with the provisions of this chapter.” Section 312 provides examples of “buildings and structures of an accessory character...” with further specification in Appendix C “Group U – Agricultural Buildings.”**

**Does California Building Code Chapter 7A apply to agriculture buildings such as horse barns, “open face” barns, and canopy “shed-row” barns?**

No. Such structures are not required to comply with the provisions of CBC Chapter 7A unless they would pose a significant fire exposure risk to nearby primary buildings, and such structures are required to comply by the enforcing agency.