

# TEXT OF REGULATIONS

## TITLE 19 PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

### 1. STATE FIRE MARSHAL

#### CHAPTER 1.5 CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT LISTINGS

##### **§ 208. Special Provisions.**

(a) Carbon Monoxide Devices. A person shall not market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any carbon monoxide device in this state unless the device and the instructions have been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.

(b) Fire Alarm and Automatic Sprinkler Systems and Devices.

(1) Control Units. For purposes of a single listing fire alarm control units may include variations in circuitry, functions, current and voltage ratings.

A single fire alarm control unit which incorporates any combination of functions (such as a local signaling control unit designed for auxiliary connection) shall be considered for a single listing. Such listing may include units used in conjunction with any of the following actuating methods. Automatic fire alarm, manual fire alarm, sprinkler supervisory, or waterflow alarm.

(2) Devices. Fire alarm and automatic sprinkler devices, for the purpose of a single listing, may have variations in size, dimensions, ratings, current and voltage but shall not include variations in method of operation.

(3) Fire Alarm Prohibitions. When any equipment or systems specified in Section 204(d)(2) is to be connected to any fire alarm control unit or fire alarm device, such control unit or device shall be so designed and arranged that:

(A) The electrical design of the equipment or systems shall not be integral to the internal circuitry of the fire alarm control unit of the system or device, and

(B) Such equipment and systems shall be served by a power supply or circuit independent of the power supply or circuit necessary for the function of the control unit or device, and

(C) Such equipment and systems shall be interconnected to the control unit of the system or device by relays or switching devices which will provide electrical isolation from the system or device to prevent interference or interruption of the normal or intended operation of the fire alarm system or device.

(4) Service. The listee of fire alarm systems and fire alarm devices shall file notice of the establishment of facilities and evidence of capability to provide for the repair of their approved and listed systems and devices.

(5) Restoration. Required Systems. Listees of fire alarm equipment used or intended for use on fire alarm systems required by Subchapter 1 of these regulations shall, at the time of application for approval and listing, include evidence of the capability to restore to operating condition, listed fire alarm systems, within 24 hours of notification.

(6) Continuity. Service and restoration facilities shall be maintained for the duration of listing and the listee shall file notice of the establishment of new facilities or discontinuance of any previously established facilities, within 30 days of the establishment or discontinuance of service facility.

Organizations designated by a listee as a service or restoration facility shall file with the notice, certification of service or restoration capability, geographical limitations, and evidence of service equipment, qualified service personnel and the necessary stock of

parts and devices.

Service and restoration organizations who engage in the sale, distribution or installation of fire alarm systems or devices requiring a State Contractor's License shall file such evidence with their notice.

(7) Prohibition of Sale. The marketing, distribution, offering for sale, or selling of any fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this State is prohibited unless such system or device has been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.

Conditions of approval and listing by the State Fire Marshal shall be furnished at the time of purchase.

(8) Fire Alarm System and Fire Alarm Device Listings. The State Fire Marshal shall issue the listing upon receipt of:

1. An application conforming to the provisions of Section 206(a) and
2. A certification letter from a State Fire Marshal accredited laboratory.

(c) Wood Roof Covering Materials. Wood roof covering materials shall be approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13132.7(j). No wood roof covering materials shall be sold or applied in this state unless both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The materials have been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal as complying with the requirements of this section.

(2) The materials have passed at least five years of the 10-year natural weathering test. The 10-year natural weathering test required by this subdivision shall be conducted in accordance with standard 15-2 of the 1994 edition of the Uniform Building Code at a testing facility recognized by the State Fire Marshal.

(d) Smoke Alarms:

(1) Commencing July 1, 2014, all smoke alarms including combination smoke alarms, that are solely battery powered shall contain a nonreplaceable, nonremovable battery that is capable of powering the smoke alarm for at least 10 years.

EXCEPTION: This section shall not apply to any smoke alarm or combination smoke alarm that has been ordered by, or are in the inventory of, an owner, managing agent, contractor, wholesaler, or retailer on or before July 1, 2014, until July 1, 2015.

(2) Commencing January 1, 2015 all smoke alarms or combination smoke alarms shall:

(A) Display the date of manufacture.

(B) Provide a place on the device where the date of installation can be written. The date of installation shall be visible to the consumer without removing the alarm from its base or mounting bracket.

(C) Incorporate a hush feature.

EXCEPTIONS to (1) and (2) of the above:

(a) Smoke detectors intended to be used with a fire alarm or household fire alarm control unit.

(b) Smoke alarms that send a supervision and battery depletion signal to a fire alarm or household fire alarm control unit via a low-power radio frequency wireless communication signal.

(c) Smoke alarms that use low-power radio frequency wireless communication signal for interconnection.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 13114, 13132.7, 13144.4 and 13263, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 13114, 13132.7, 13144, 13144.1, 13144.2 and 13263, Health and Safety Code.