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CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE

Recent amendments to the National Building Codes for the 2005 Publication will include new standards for footings and foundations. The Bigfoot Systems[®] Footing Forms comply with these regulations. Nova Scotia has taken the initiative in accepting the new code changes and intends to enforce them as of January 1, 2004. The following is a direct quote from the planning and development services HRM to its 30 staff members.

"...the essential issue is that compliance with the code is now more clear than ever; decks for single unit dwelling (other than those as identified in the reg) must be provided with footings and foundations as the code identifies; no more deckblock and patio stones where frost protection is required."

HRM also states that permits already issued would not be affected, however, permits issued by HRM after January 5, 2004 must comply with the new regulations.

Please refer to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations and the proposed new code amendments:

- 9.4.2.3. Platform Type Constructions Subject to Snow and Occupancy Loads
- 3.1.1.13. Sentence 9.12.2.2.(6) Replaced.
- 3.1.1.14. Add new Sentence 9.12.2.2.(7)

We feel our Bigfoot Systems[®] Footing Forms products address the very important safety and liability issues regarding footings for balconies, decks and other accessible exterior platform type construction. Our products are engineered and are built with safety and reliability in mind. Our products have received the following evaluation – CCMC No. 12839-R.

If there is anything we can do to help you better understand our products or how the change in the code impacts our industry please contact us. Our toll free number is 1-800-934-0393.

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