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As part of the new Administrative provisions of the Code which take effect July 1, 2008, the Materials, Equipment and Acceptance Unit (MEA) of the Department of Buildings will no longer exist. In summary, commencing July 1st products regulated by the Code can be used without DOB approval if they conform to the national standards in the new Code as signified by “listed and labeled” by a national testing agency (e.g. factory mutual, underwriters laboratory, etc) approved by the DOB. No special application for approval for a product from DOB will be necessary. Alternative products, not complying to existing standards, will need special approval by the DOB.

MEA has been replaced by the Office of Technical Certification and Research (OTCR). OTCR is compiling a list of products that manufacturers state comply with national standards which it will place on its website www.nyc.gov/html/dob/model/otcr.shtml) along with products in compliance with new national standards previously approved by MEA. Please visit the OTCR website for more information.