



## Office of the State Fire Marshal

**DATE:** March 15, 2012

**TO:** All State Licensed Contractors and Inspectors  
All Illinois Municipalities Party to a Local Agreement with the OSFM  
All Illinois Municipalities Without a Local Agreement with the OSFM

**FROM:** Robert Capuani

**RE:** Board Decision: Compliance with ASME A17.1 § 8.6.1.5.1 Code Data Plate

On May 12, 2011 the Elevator Safety Review Board (“Board”) unanimously concluded that Illinois conveyances should have a grace period (until May 13, 2012) to comply with ASME A17.1, Sections 8.6.1.5.1 (“Code Data Plate”), 8.6.1.6.3 (“Wiring Documents”), 8.6.1.2.1 (“Maintenance Control Program”) and/or 8.6.1.4 (“Maintenance Records”). At its February 9, 2012 meeting, **the Board agreed to extend the grace period until May 13, 2013 only for the Code Data Plate requirements (§ 8.6.1.5.1).** This limited extension was granted due to concerns that a lack of historical code information from municipalities might delay compliance with the Code Data Plate requirements. Given those concerns, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, as the Administrator of the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act, requested the Board to approve a one-year extension as to only the code data plate requirements.

**Accordingly, Illinois conveyances have until May 13, 2013 to comply with ASME A17.1, Section 8.6.1.5.1 (“Code Data Plate”).** All Illinois conveyances have until May 13, 2012 to comply with ASME A17.1, Sections 8.6.1.6.3 (“Wiring Documents”), 8.6.1.2.1 (“Maintenance Control Program”) and/or 8.6.1.4 (“Maintenance Records”). Conveyance owners, licensed inspectors and mechanics are directed to review the May 18, 2011 OSFM interpretation, pending receipt of official ASME guidance, as to the proper location for a conveyance’s Maintenance Control Program and Maintenance Records.

**Those conveyances which do not comply with the Wiring Document, Maintenance Control Program and/or the Maintenance Records requirements on May 14, 2012 will, therefore, be in violation of Illinois law unless the relevant Local Administrator has granted an exception/variance from the Code.** Conveyances located in the Open Territories (i.e., not subject to a Local Agreement) will not be granted exceptions from the May 14, 2012 deadline for compliance with the Wiring Diagram, Maintenance Control Program and/or Maintenance Records requirements. Conveyance owners “shall have 30 days from the date of the published inspection report to be in full compliance by correcting the violations” noted in an inspection report. (225 ILCS 312/120).

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