



INTRODUCTION TO PRODUCT APPROVAL

(Effective October 1, 2003)

Effective for permit applications dated on and after October 1, 2003, Product Approval in unincorporated Palm Beach County shall follow Rule 9B-72 of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) mandated by the Florida Building Commission.

State Process:

Information regarding the Statewide Product Approval process is available on the Product Approval website of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

http://www.floridabuilding.org/pr/pr_default.aspx

Local Process:

In the event that a Florida Product Approval has not been obtained for one of the required products specified in Rule 9B-72, Local Product Approval may be requested on a case-by-case basis. This request should be in accordance with the requirements of FS 553.8425 and PPM PBO-118 and will be subject to the applicable fees as specified in the Building Division Fee Ordinance. A copy of PBO-118 is available on the County web site:

pbcgov.com/pzb/building/productappr/PA_Draft.pdf

(Note: The above PPM is currently under revision and not available)

Submittal/ Installation:

Per Palm Beach County Amendments to the 2004 FBC, Section 106.3.3, the designer of record shall review all Product Approvals prior to submittal. This also includes Local Product Approvals.

In the event the Product Approval includes detailed drawings (i.e.: shutter applications), all applicable design and installation criteria shall be clearly identified in the Product Approval and keyed to the site specific plan.

In all cases, copies of manufacturers' installation instructions are required for inspectors in the field. The inspector must be able to clearly match the product identity with the product installed along with its installation instructions.