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Dear Customer:

Re: 2006 British Columbia Building Code

Due to the release of the new 2006 British Columbia Building Code, the process to purchase and install racking has become much more stringent. The following is a list of requirements that you need to be aware of and a breakdown of responsibilities that you as a customer will need to complete.

Basic Requirements

All lower mainland municipalities other than Delta require tenant improvement permits to erect racking systems above 8' to the top shelf. Arpac can assist you in obtaining your permit by providing you with seismic engineering specific to the rack structure we supply. We will supply the Letters of Assurance Schedules B1 & B2 and subsequently Schedule C-B after completion for the products we supply as well as 5 copies of the required drawing stamped by a registered BC professional engineer.

In addition you will require the following information to obtain your permit. This information is necessary to complete the seismic engineering an engineer is required to perform for your permit.

Site Plan

A site plan showing property dimension, building location and off street loading layouts including existing and proposed parking and location of road access to the property is required. The original building plans may typically be obtained from the building department's microfilm service. Written permission from the property owner is required to obtain copies of plans from microfilm. Contact your building department permit division for associated fees and further information.

Site Class

A new soils classification requirement that replaces foundation factors that were used previously for permit applications has been introduced. The site class can be researched through the building department which should list the soils engineer or (geotechnical engineer) on record for the building site. If insufficient data is on file, further soils engineering may be required to determine the site class.

Slab Certification

The slab certification may be required by the building department to complete the permit application. The slab designer can be researched through the building department. Arpac will provide the loading criteria to the slab designer to obtain approval for the proposed loads.

Please note that professional fees related to site plan, site class and slab certification are your responsibility.

If you are planning a major change to your warehouse or rack system you may be well advised to retain a code consultant who would be responsible for making sure that you are in compliance with access and egress to your building as well as ensuring compliance to the fire code. Note when you apply for a permit, associated building inspections may occur such as electrical, plumbing and/or the Fire Marshall.

Arpac will assist you to obtain a permit with the understanding that you can provide the necessary information identified above.

Your permit will take 2 - 4 weeks for your building department to process....so plan accordingly.