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SSMA Framing Member Compliance with the 2006 International Codes

To Whom It May Concern:

The Steel Stud Manufacturers Association (SSMA) is an association of businesses that manufacture cold-formed steel framing (CFSF) members; primarily for building construction. SSMA maintains an International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC ES) Legacy Report, number 4943P, which is currently posted on both the SSMA and ICC ES websites. The current report is valid for earlier versions of the code, but has not been updated for the 2006 International Codes.

SSMA is in the process of updating our report to a full Evaluation Service Report. We have developed span and load tables for members, calculated section properties, and are working with ICC ES on our submittal. However, the report is not complete, and will likely not be issued until the latter part of 2008.

In the interim, the SSMA is pleased to announce that based on section 2210 of the 2006 International Building Code (IBC), the referenced documents include standard, C-shaped, steel framing members as code approved products. Because SSMA members manufacture C-shaped stud and track products, and these products are compliant with the requirements of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) referenced standards, additional evaluation of the product is not needed, and SSMA products manufactured within the currently established and audited SSMA Quality Control procedure meet the requirements of the 2006 code. An outside Evaluation Service Report is, therefore, no longer needed.

Since some in the building construction community are still asking for Evaluation Service Reports, SSMA will continue to maintain our report and press for an update as soon as possible. Concurrently, the SSMA is working on an industry-wide product certification program, to help ensure code compliance for all manufacturers of steel framing products.

Thank you for your interest in steel framing for construction, and in SSMA products in particular. For additional technical data and information, visit the SSMA online Technical Library for our current report, our City of Los Angeles Research Report, SSMA Technical Notes, and free, downloadable steel framing details in both AutoCAD and Adobe Acrobat format.

Sincerely,
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