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TO: ALL BUILDING OFFICIALS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

FROM: Jaime D. Gascon, P.E., Director 
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SUBJECT: Folding Doors used as Windows

It has come to our attention that some fenestration manufacturers are supplying Product Approved Folding Doors to customers for use as Windows. These manufacturers are also furnishing letters signed and sealed by Professional Engineers stating the folding doors can be used as windows and failing to obtain the requisite window product approval addressing all the Florida Building Code (FBC) provisions applicable to windows.

The Product Control Section checks numerous FBC Window provisions that are not considered when evaluating and issuing Folding Door product approvals.

Building Officials are advised to refer applicants using door product approvals to install windows to the Product Control Section for issuance of a window product approval. Windows require being tested, evaluated, and approved to be used as windows and must be in full compliance with Florida Building Codes requirements.

If you have any questions or if we can be of additional assistance, please contact the Product Control Section at 786-315-2590.

Thank you.