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9th Edition FBC (2026) Roofing Underlayment Updates

Effective December 31, 2026, the 9th Edition of the Florida Building Code will become effective. Revisions to Chapter 15 of the High Velocity Hurricane Zone (HVHZ), together with updates to the HVHZ Test Protocols, will affect certain existing Notices of Acceptance (NOAs) for roofing underlayments. Accordingly, all roofing underlayment NOA holders are encouraged to review the revised code provisions and testing requirements to determine their impact on currently approved products.

Under the new code, all roofing underlayments intended for use beneath roof tile systems must have product approval. The previous allowance for prescriptive underlayments (yellow stripe) has been eliminated. In addition, underlayments approved for use with roof tile systems must demonstrate resistance to uplift pressures for component and cladding loads in accordance with ASCE 7 or as specified in Roofing Application Standard (RAS) 127.

Existing NOAs will remain valid and will not be withdrawn. However, for permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2027, roofing underlayments used beneath roof tile systems may only be installed in accordance with the approved uses and applicable uplift resistance identified in the current product approval or NOA.

NOA holders are encouraged to submit revisions to their existing NOAs, together with the required supporting documentation, as soon as practical to ensure their product approvals reflect the new code requirements before the effective date.

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