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## ADVISORY MEMO

**TO:** All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

**FROM:** Herminio F. Gonzalez, P.E., Director   
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### **SUBJECT: Product Approval System**

The State of Florida has implemented the Product Approval System on October 1, 2003. There are products that have been approved by the Florida Building Commission that have vague conditions of use and may be interpreted for use within the High Velocity Hurricane Zone.

If a building permit applicant submits a product/system with a statewide product approval in lieu of a Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Notice of Acceptance, the Building Official should forward to the Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office a copy of the state approval along with all support documentation. Upon receipt, the Product Control Division will conduct a review of the product's specific "conditions of use" for the proposed project. After a determination is made, the Building Official will be notified whether or not the product/system complies with the building code provisions of the High Velocity Hurricane Zone.

Building Officials should continue to use the Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Notice of Acceptances or any one-time approvals previously processed.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Mr. Theodore Berman, P.E., Deputy Director Building Code Compliance Office at (305) 375-2903.

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