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Purpose: This document clarifies that only electric clothes dryers may be exempt from exhausting to the outside of a building

Related Code MC 504.1
Section(s): FGC 614.1

Subject(s): Clothes dryer, exhaust

Both the 2008 NYC Mechanical Code ("MC") and 2008 NYC Fuel Gas Code ("FGC") establish venting requirements for clothes dryers that are installed or replaced under the 2008 Construction Codes. In particular, Section MC 504.1 requires clothes dryers to be exhausted but provides the following exception:

"This section shall not apply to listed and labeled condensing (ductless) electric clothes dryers."

Section FGC 614.1 requires the same and provides a similar, but not identical, exception:

"This section shall not apply to listed and labeled condensing (ductless) clothes dryers."

Although Section FGC 614.1 provides a general exception for listed and labeled condensing clothes dryers, the exception in MC 504.1 is more specific.

Therefore, only electric clothes dryers that are listed and labeled may be exempt from exhausting to the outside of a building. In all other cases, clothes dryers must exhaust to the outside of the building.