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Re: Section C26-504.13 (b) of the  
Building Code; Finish Flooring  
in Buildings or Spaces of  
Construction Class 1

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your recent letter concerning the ambiguity of the subject section of law, relating to combustible finish flooring used in buildings or spaces of construction group 1.

The above mentioned section of law authorizes, except as provided in sub-division (a) of Section C26-504.13, combustible finish flooring to be used in buildings or spaces of construction group 1 under the following circumstances:

1. When cemented directly to the top surface of non-combustible floor construction.
2. When attached to combustible or non-combustible sleepers, provided the space between the non-combustible floor construction and the bottom of the flooring is solidly filled with non-combustible materials to within  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the flooring.
3. When attached to non-combustible sleepers, with the sleepers layed in a grid having maximum areas of 20 sq.ft., with combustible insulating or sound absorbing boards not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and having a flame-spread rating not greater than Class C attached directly to the non-combustible floor construction placed within the fire-stopped areas below the finish flooring.

I am having a copy of this sent to Director of Operations Burke, with instructions that a directive be issued to our borough offices so as to clarify the ambiguity that exists. I trust the above information has been of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Stein, P.E.  
Commissioner

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