

# EXHIBIT 15

## Proposed Amendment to the International Building Code 2000

**1202.4 Natural ventilation.** Natural ventilation of an occupied space shall be through windows, doors, louvers or other openings to the outdoors. The operating mechanism for such openings shall be provided with readily access so that the openings are readily controllable by the building occupants.

**1202.4.1 Ventilation area required.** The minimum openable area to the outdoors shall be 4 percent of the floor area being ventilated.

**1202.4.1.1 Adjoining spaces.** Where rooms and spaces without openings to the outdoors are ventilated through an adjoining room, the opening to the adjoining room shall be unobstructed and shall have an area of not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.3 m<sup>2</sup>). The minimum openable area to the outdoors shall be based on the total floor area being ventilated.

**Exception:** Exterior openings required for ventilation shall be permitted to open into a thermally isolated sunroom addition or patio cover provided that the openable area between the sunroom addition or patio cover and the interior room shall have an area of not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 20 square feet (1.86 m<sup>2</sup>). The minimum openable area to the outdoors shall be based on the total floor area being ventilated.

**1202.4.1.2 Openings below grade.** [No change]

**1202.4.2 Contaminants exhausted.** [No change]

This is a related amendment to those we have already made to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2000 to permit sunrooms. When we made those changes, we overlooked this correlating change. Without this change the International Building Code (IBC) will not permit the changes we made to the IECC. In a similar manner to what we did when amending the IECC, this proposed language is taken from the IBC 2003.