Amendments to the Queensland Development Code - Part 14 Fire Safety in Budget Accommodation Buildings

Purpose
The purpose of this Newsflash is to advise amendments to the Queensland Development Code (QDC) Part 14 Fire Safety in Budget Accommodation Buildings, will commence from 30 November 2007.

Background
Newsflash 291 (7/11/07) advised of a proposed minor amendment to Part 14 to define “self closing doors”.

Legislation
Building Act 1975
Building Regulation 2006

The term “self closing doors” has been defined to mean doors which are fitted with a device –

(a) with an automatic-closing operation initiated by the activation of the building’s interconnected smoke alarms or smoke detection system; or

b) with a free-arm action closing operation which closes the door or causes the door to remain closed (without preventing manual re-opening), upon the detection of smoke by the building’s interconnected smoke alarms or smoke detection system; or

(c) that returns the door to the fully closed position immediately after each opening.

Schedule 3 of the QDC Part 14 has also been amended to include the term self closing doors.

These amendments are effective as of 30 November 2007. A copy of QDC Part 14 – Fire safety in budget accommodation buildings can be found at the Building Codes Queensland website:

http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=247

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