

Fire Alarm System Audit

ISSUE:

The purpose of this interpretation is to advise Code users that the provision to audit a fire alarm system remains as a requirement of the Alberta Fire Code (AFC) 2006 under Article 6.1.1.2.

BACKGROUND:

During the publication of AFC 2006, Sentence 6.3.1.7.(1) of AFC 1997 was omitted as a carry over item for inclusion in the AFC 2006. There is no documentation to support a change or deletion of the provision to audit fire alarm systems.

CODE REQUIREMENT:¹

6.1.1.2. Maintenance

1) Fire protection installations shall be maintained in operating condition. (See Appendix A.)

CODE REQUIREMENT: (AFC 1997)

Currently omitted by error from AFC 2006:

6.3.1.7. Audit²

1) When an existing fire alarm system has not been subjected to an initial verification as required by CAN/ULC-S524-M, "Installation of Fire Alarm Systems," and ULC-S537-M, "Verification of Fire Alarm Systems," the authority having jurisdiction may require the system to be audited in conformance with ULC-S536-M, "Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems," unless he is satisfied that the system has been maintained and is functioning in a manner acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

INTERPRETATION:

This Interpretation establishes the provision to audit an existing fire alarm system as required under Article 6.1.1.2. of the AFC 2006 and applies throughout Alberta.

¹ Note: All Code references are from Division B of the Alberta Fire Code unless otherwise stated.

² Note: This omission is to be corrected through an errata.