

December 14, 2021

Re: Effective date of the ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44-19 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators and Maintenance Control Program.

I am writing this letter to inform you that the twenty-second edition of the Code ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44-19 inclusive of the maintenance control program (MCP) requirement are coming into effect.

With the Authority under the Nova Scotia Elevators and Lifts Act and General Regulations I will adopt this edition of the code on December 31, 2021, therefore, all new installations and alterations to existing equipment sold after December 31, 2021 will need to comply with the 2019 code requirements.

The key revision affecting elevators in Nova Scotia will be the additional requirement for increased door protection on passenger elevators.

Updating emergency communication requirements for an elevator to ensure communication with any trapped passengers, including those that are hearing impaired as presented in the 2019 safety code will **not** be a requirement in Nova Scotia with this code adoption. Emergency operation and signaling will follow the A17.1 -2016/CSA B44 -16 safety code.

Owners of elevating devices will be required to have a maintenance control program in place. A maintenance control program, or MCP is a maintenance examination schedule for elevating devices which includes annual, three-year, and five-year testing of elevator devices as applicable. Testing is outlined in section 8.6 of the ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44-19 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators.

Note: The latest Canadian Electrical Code CSA C22.1:21 effective date was May 1st, 2021 and is among the adopted codes for elevators and lifts.

Should you have any questions please contact me peter.mcclare@novascotia.ca

Sincerely,



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