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INTERPRETATION: Clause 4.7 F

ULC-S636-08, Standard for Type BH Gas Venting Systems

The following is an interpretation by the ULC Subcommittee on Venting of High Efficiency Appliances and Equipment on ULC-S636-08, Standard for Type BH Gas Venting Systems.

The request for interpretation originates from Clause 4.7F of ULC-S636-08, which states:

"Different manufacturers have different joint systems and adhesives. Do not mix pipe, fittings or joining methods from different manufacturers".

The question was raised whether the intent of the clause applied to appliance adapters and non-metallic vent terminations?

In response to this question, the ULC Subcommittee on Venting of High Efficiency Appliances and Equipment developed the following text:

Appliance Adapters

Clause 4.7 F does not apply to appliance adapters (see clause 2.1.2) supplied by the appliance manufacturer provided the appliance adapters comply with ULC-S636 and are compatible with vent systems specified by the appliance manufacturer. The Standard already recognizes that the appliance adapter of the venting system (see section 2.10) can be supplied by the appliance manufacturer rather than the manufacturer of the vent system.

Vent Terminations

Clause 4.7 F does not apply to unique, non-metallic vent terminations supplied by the appliance manufacturer provided the vent terminations comply with ULC-S636 and is compatible with vent systems specified by the appliance manufacturer. It is not clear that the term fittings as used in clause 4.7 F applies to non-metallic vent terminations. Non-metallic vent terminations can use the same joining method to connect to non-



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metallic vent pipe made by a different manufacturer. As well, the Standard already recognizes that a component of the venting system (see 2.10) can be supplied by the appliance manufacturer rather than the manufacturer of the vent system.

The above interpretations will apply to Clause 4.7F of the Standard.

This Standards Bulletin is being issued in order to provide guidance and clarification for manufacturers of venting systems for BH type gas, buyers, users, and the industry in general, such that the application of the intent of this clause is consistent with the ULC Subcommittee interpretation.

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