



INTRODUCTION TO PRODUCT APPROVAL

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Effective for permit applications dated on and after October 1, 2003, Product Approval in unincorporated Palm Beach County shall follow Rule 9B-72 of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) mandated by the Florida Building Commission. Effective on July 14, 2011, Rule 9B-72 has been changed to Rule 61G20-3 under the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

State Process:

Information regarding the Statewide Product Approval process is available on the Product Approval website of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation:

http://www.floridabuilding.org/pr/pr_default.aspx

Local Process:

In the event that a Florida Product Approval has not been obtained for one of the required products specified in Rule 61G20-3, Local Product Approval may be requested on a case-by-case basis. This request should be in accordance with the requirements of FS 553.8425 and PPM PBO-118 and will be subject to the applicable fees as specified in the Building Division Fee Ordinance. A copy of the PBO-118 is available on the County website:

<http://www.pbcgov.com/pzb/building/productappr/PBO-118.pdf>

Submittal / Installation:

Per Palm Beach County Amendments to the Florida Building Code, Those products which are regulated by 61G20-3 of the *Florida Administrative Code*, shall be reviewed and approved in writing by the designer of record prior to submittal for jurisdictional approval. This also includes Local Product Approvals.

In the event the Product Approval includes detailed drawings (i.e.: shutter applications), all applicable design and installation criteria shall be clearly identified in the Product Approval and keyed to the site specific plan.

In all cases, copies of the manufacturers' installation instructions are required for inspectors in the field. The inspector must be able to clearly match the product identity with the product installed along with its installation instructions.