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SUBJECT: Retroactive Provisions of RS 18-1 (Elevator Code) in Existing Elevators, Escalators and Moving Walkways

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RETOACTIVE PROVISIONS OF RS 18-1 IN EXISTING ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND MOVING WALKWAYS

The Board of Standards and Appeals on March 12, 1991 under Cal. No. #11-91 BCR revised reference standard RS-18. This revision requires that certain safety features shall be installed in existing elevators, escalators and moving walkways within specified time periods:

Elevators: December 31, 1992

Rule 110.6(e) - Where it is otherwise permitted to lock hoistway doors, such doors shall not be locked on consecutive vacant floors.

Rule 110.6(f) - The elevator hoistway doors shall not be locked at the main lobby level.
Rule 208.10 - This rule requires that the elevator device number assigned by The Elevator Division of the New York City Department of Buildings shall be securely attached in a permanent manner.

Escalator: December 31, 1992

Rule 805.1a - This rule requires a combination of the starting switch and starting button. The escalator shall start only after the activation of both the switch and button.

Escalators and Moving Walkways: December 31, 1993

Rule 805.1 and Rule 905.1p - These rules require comb plate stop switches in escalators and threshold plate stop switches in moving walkways.