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Mr. Steven Ostrega
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Re: Specification for Solder Metal

Dear Mr. Ostrega:

With regard to your recent request for the New York City Building Code interpretation in reference to the above matter, please be advised that Reference Standard 16, Section Pl03.1(k), requires that solder for copper tube joints shall be a "95-5 tin-antimony" type. The applicable national standard for solder metals is ASTM-B32 which includes the chemical composition of solder alloys. This standard allows that a tin-antimony solder permits a content of up to 0.2 percent lead.

I trust this letter answers your concerns.

Very truly yours,

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Deputy General Counsel

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cc: George C. Sakona, Deputy Commissioner