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RE: WDMA Hallmark Certification Program – Emergency Escape and Rescue – Approval No. TP01-021815

This letter is being written to verify the compliance with the building code Emergency Escape and Rescue Egress Openings requirements for some VELUX America, Inc. Products. The 2015 IBC Section 1030.2 and 2015 IRC Code Section R 310.2 state the emergency escape and rescue openings requirements.

### 2015 IBC – 1030.2

**1030.2 Minimum size.** *Emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet (0.53 m<sup>2</sup>).*

**Exception:** The minimum net clear opening for grade-floor *emergency escape and rescue openings* shall be 5 square feet (0.46 m<sup>2</sup>).

**1030.2.1 Minimum dimensions.** The minimum net clear opening height dimension shall be 24 inches (610 mm). The minimum net clear opening width dimension shall be 20 inches (508 mm). The net clear opening dimensions shall be the result of normal operation of the opening.

### 2015 IRC – R310.2

**R310.2 Emergency escape and rescue openings.** Emergency escape and rescue openings shall have minimum dimensions as specified in this section.

**R310.2.1 Minimum opening area.** Emergency and escape rescue openings shall have a net clear opening of not less than 5.7 square feet (0.530 m<sup>2</sup>). The net clear opening dimensions required by this section shall be obtained by the normal operation of the emergency escape and rescue opening from the inside. The net clear height opening shall be not less than 24 inches (610 mm) and the net clear width shall be not less than 20 inches (508 mm).

**Exception:** *Grade floor or below grade openings* shall have a net clear opening of not less than 5 square feet (0.465 m<sup>2</sup>).

The two VELUX, America, Inc. Roof Window Products covered by this letter in the following sizes were found to comply with the Emergency Escape and Rescue Egress Openings Requirements under certain installation conditions and the products are the GPU MK06, GPU SK06, GPU MK08, GPU UK08, GPU PK10 and the GXU FK06. (See attached drawings.)

VELUX, America, Inc. is a licensee in the Window and Door Manufacturers Association Hallmark and NFRC programs. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. I can be reached at (312) 673-4828 or via email at [jmcfee@wdma.com](mailto:jmcfee@wdma.com).

Thanks,

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