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CSFM LISTING FOR MODEL AD-136 SECURITY DEVICE

Dear Mr. Bagan:

Your letter to State Fire Marshal Ronny J. Coleman is referred to me since I am in charge of the State Fire Marshal's Technical Service Division. We have reviewed your letter and the submitted sample of Model "Ultra-Dog" AD-136 security device.

We must advise you that our Building Materials Listing Program is primarily for fire and life safety products. A review of your product indicates that Model AD-136 is an after-hour security device. Therefore, a State Fire Marshal listing would not be appropriate for your product.

It should however be noted that California State law does not require security products such as yours to be listed by the CSFM. The State Fire Marshal Office's recognizes the right of fire and building officials to evaluate the use of such products within their respective jurisdictions. Therefore, if your product conforms to all applicable codes, the authority having jurisdiction may allow its installation in their jurisdiction.

I would however like to direct your attention to the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Section 5-2.1.5.5 (enclosed) which prohibits any lock, padlock, hasp, bar, chain, or other device, or combination thereof to be installed or maintained on or in connection with any door on which panic hardware or fire exit hardware is required by this Code if such device prevents or is intended to prevent the free use of the door for purposes of egress. This could be a problem for you since California Regulations allow authorities to refer to nationally recognized standards when making decision regarding the use of products not specially covered by code.

Should you have any question or require further assistant regarding this issue, please feel free to contact this office again.

Sincerely,


HUGH COUNCIL, Chief
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