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Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

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FOREWORD

Addendum 620 removes reference to smoking spaces from Table 2 of outdoor air requirements, making it clear that the requirements in the table apply to only no-smoking spaces. It also adds a requirement for additional ventilation and/or air cleaning in spaces where smoking is permitted and prohibits recirculation or transfer of air from smoking to no-smoking areas. In adding the requirement for additional ventilation and/or air cleaning, it is noted that the specific amount of additional ventilation cannot be determined until cognizant health authorities have determined an acceptable level of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS).

Addendum 62o

Modify Table 2 as follows:

TABLE 2
OUTDOOR AIR REQUIREMENTS FOR VENTILATION*
2.1 COMMERCIAL FACILITIES (offices, stores, shops, hotels, sports facilities)

Application	Estimated Maximum** Occupancy P/1000 ft ² or 100 m ²	Outdoor Air Requirements				
		cfm/ Person	L/s · person	cfm/ft ²	L/s·m ²	Comments
Food and Beverage Ser- vice						Supplementary smoke-removal equipment may be required.
Bars, cocktail lounges	100	<u>20</u> 30	<u>10</u> 15			
Hotels, Motels, Resorts, Dormitories						
Conference rooms	50	<u>15</u> 20	<u>8</u> 10			
Gambling casinos	120	<u>20</u> 30	<u>10</u> 15			Supplementary smoke removal equipment may be required.
Offices						
Conference rooms	50	<u>1520</u>	<u>810</u>			
Public Spaces						
Smoking lounge	70	60	30			Normally supplied by transferair. Local mechanical exhaust with no recirculation recommended
Retail Stores, Sales						Normally supplied by transfer-
Floors, and Show Room						air, local mechanical exhaust;
Floors						exhaust with no recirculation
Smoking lounge	70	60	30			recommended
	2.2 IN	STITUTIO	NAL FAC	ILITIES		
Education						Normally supplied by transfer-
Smoking lounges	70	60	30			air. Local mechanical exhaust
						with no recirculation recom- mended

Modify the footnote to Table 2 as follows:

^{*} Table 2 prescribes supply rates of acceptable outdoor air required for acceptable indoor air quality. These values have been chosen to dilute human bioeffluents and other contaminants with an adequate margin of safety and to account for health variations among people and varied activity levels. This table applies to no-smoking areas. See Section 6.1.3.5 for ventilation requirements in smoking areas.

Add the following new Section:

6.1.3.5 Ventilation in Smoking Areas. Smoking areas shall have more ventilation and/or air cleaning than comparable no-smoking areas. Specific ventilation rate requirements cannot be determined until cognizant authorities determine the concentration of smoke that achieves an acceptable level of risk. Air from smoking areas shall not be recirculated or transferred to no-smoking areas.

POLICY STATEMENT DEFINING ASHRAE'S CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES

ASHRAE is concerned with the impact of its members' activities on both the indoor and outdoor environment. ASHRAE's members will strive to minimize any possible deleterious effect on the indoor and outdoor environment of the systems and components in their responsibility while maximizing the beneficial effects these systems provide, consistent with accepted standards and the practical state of the art.

ASHRAE's short-range goal is to ensure that the systems and components within its scope do not impact the indoor and outdoor environment to a greater extent than specified by the standards and guidelines as established by itself and other responsible bodies.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive technical committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date standards and guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised standards developed by other responsible organizations.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

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