

# GG303-14

## 1004.1, 1104.1

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### Revise as follows:

**1004.1 Change of occupancy.** Where a change in occupancy of a building or tenant space places it in a different ~~division group~~ group of the same ~~group of occupancy classification~~ occupancy classification or in a different ~~group of occupancies~~ occupancy classification, as determined in accordance with the provisions of the *International Building Code*, compliance with Sections 1001.3 and 1001.4 shall be required.

**Exception:** Historic buildings in accordance with Section 1005 shall not be required to comply with Section 1004.

**1104.1 Conformance.** Where a change in the use or occupancy of a building or tenant space places it in a different ~~division group~~ group of the same ~~group of occupancy classification~~ occupancy classification, as determined in accordance with the provisions of the *International Building Code*, compliance with Section 1104.2 shall be required. Altered portions of, and additions to, existing buildings and existing building sites that are not a result of change of occupancy requirements, shall comply with Chapter 10 and this chapter.

**Reason:** The intent of this proposal is to align the terminology regarding occupancy classification and group between the IgCC and the IEBC.

In the Group B cycle in 2013, the ICC voting membership approved Item EB52-13, as modified by the public comment (AMPC). As part of this code change to the IEBC, a hierarchy of how the various descriptors of occupancy are referred to was set up as follows:

- Classification (A, B, E, etc.)  
Group (Numbered subset within some classifications: A-1, F-2, etc.)
- Use (B animal hospital versus B post office)

Based on that change, the I-codes can now refer to a change of occupancy classification (e.g., from B to M), a change of group within the same occupancy classification (e.g., R-2 to R-1), or a change of use (e.g., A-3 exhibition hall to A-3 library). This proposal makes the language in the IgCC consistent with the change approved to the IEBC through EB52-13.

**Cost Impact:** Will not increase the cost of construction. This is an editorial change and does not affect how the regulations are applied.

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