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Ontario Regulation 191/14 and 10 psf (0.5 kPa) bottom chord live load requirements for Part 9 Roof Trusses

On September 23, 2014 Ontario Regulation 191/14 was filed, which amended several provisions of the 2012 Ontario Building Code (OBC 2012). One of the changes was an update to the reference standards in Table 1.3.1.2 of Division B and the inclusion of TPIC 2011. With this change, the minimum loading requirements in the reference TPIC standard now matches that of the OBC 2012 and no longer requires an additional 10 psf (0.5 kPa) bottom chord live load for Part 9 roof trusses per 9.4.2.1.(1) OBC 2012.

As this regulation came into effect on January 1, 2015, those building departments that were requiring that Part 9 roof trusses be designed with the additional bottom chord live load should no longer be requesting this for building permits submitted after 2014.

Unless previously clarified, the OWTFa recommends that you contact your local building department for verification of their specific requirements prior to submitting engineering without the additional bottom chord live load. If assistance is required, please feel free to contact anyone on the OWTFa technical committee and we would be happy to discuss the update to the code with the local building department.

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