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James Lester
3725 Skyline Road
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Dear Mr. Lester:

This is in reply to your letter about the windows in your Agricultural Labor Housing units.

Standard 4-0 windows purchased from a variety of suppliers will have actual openings that vary by several inches. We recognize this fact and consider our requirement for an opening of 24 inches to be nominal. If the windows you describe are standard 4-0 sliders, we would accept the 20 inch opening.

The reference in our earlier letter to substandard windows was describing some we found in recent inspections. These had openings of as little as 16 inches. In some cases these had been overlooked in earlier inspections and we simply wanted people to know that the oversight would not prevent future citations.

As to what you do with the windows you have already purchased for your new units, if they open to at least 20 inches, we will accept them as long as they are installed to the standards of Division 4. If you can exchange them for ones with larger openings without additional building alterations, that would be even better.

We are working with Building Codes to resolve issues of conflict like the one you note.

For further information contact Ron Preece at 1-503-378-3272. You're invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/index.html.

Sincerely,

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