

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A TIA (Tentative Interim Amendment)

*Sec. 5-1 of the RGCP*

The following are general instructions for properly submitting requests for TIAs. Please take a moment to read these instructions carefully. Contact IAPMO staff liaison for technical assistance.

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1. Submitting a request for TIA. The proposed language for your submittal should be based on the existing language in the appropriate code document. Indicate the section number from the code document and what it is you are proposing; for example, to add new text, revise existing text, delete existing text and/or add a new section. Next, state the existing language, including the language you wish to add/revise with an underscore, or indicate language you wish to delete/revise with a strikethrough (see example below).

*1. Revise 412.7 to read as follows:*

**412.7** All shower compartments, regardless of shape, shall have a minimum finished interior of one thousand twenty-four (1024) square inches (0.66 m<sup>2</sup>) and shall also be capable of encompassing a thirty (30) inch (750 mm) circle. The minimum required area and dimensions shall be measured at a height equal to the top of the threshold at a point tangent to its centerline. The minimum area and dimensions shall be maintained to a point seventy (70) inches (1778 mm) above the shower drain outlet with no protrusions other than the fixture valve or valves, shower head, soap dishes, shelves, and safety grab bars or rails. Fold-down seats in accessible shower stalls shall be permitted to protrude into the thirty (30) inch (750 mm) circle.

**Exception No. 1:** Showers which are designed to comply with the accessibility standards listed in Table 14-1. ICC A117.1.

**Exception No. 2:** The minimum required area and dimension shall not apply where an existing bathtub is replaced by a shower receptor having minimum overall dimensions of 30 inches (750 mm) in width and 60 inches (1,500 mm) in length. ~~Where an existing bathtub is replaced by a 30 inch x 60 inch shower receptor, the shower receptor shall be capable of encompassing a twenty five (25) inch (635 mm) circle and shall have a minimum finished interior of one thousand twenty four (1024) square inches (0.66 m<sup>2</sup>).~~

2. Provide adequate substantiation for the requested TIA. The proposed TIA must be substantiated in the following manner: First, the “technical merit” should detail the technical reasons for the proposal. Immediately following technical reasons should be a statement regarding the “emergency nature” of the proposal. (See example below.) Diagrams may be included but should only be used for clarification purposes.

### **Technical Merit**

The language proposed in this TIA is similar to that found in the national standard...

### **Emergency Nature**

Independent market research shows that ...

3. Endorsement by a member of the TC. Once the proposed TIA has been submitted in the proper format, it is forwarded to the appropriate TC for endorsement. When an endorsement has been received, the document and endorsement are forwarded to the Secretary of the Standards Council and the appropriate Chair for approval to submit the proposed TIA for processing through the appropriate TC. (An endorsement is considered received when one or more TC members indicate they consider the proposal worthy of further consideration.)

4. Letter balloting of TIA & Public Notice. After approval has been received for processing the TIA through the appropriate TC, staff will prepare the document for letter ballot. The TC will receive a ballot on which they must indicate their vote as to both the “technical merit” and the “emergency nature” as presented in the substantiation provided. During the balloting period the proposed TIA will be posted to the IAPMO website inviting comments from the public.

5. Submitting ballot result to Standards Council. Once balloting of the TIA is complete, the final results are submitted to the Standards Council for consideration of issuance/denial.

6. Issuance/Denial of TIA. The TIA will either be issued or denied based upon the outcome of the review by the Standards Council. The Council’s decision will be posted on the IAPMO website. If the TIA is issued, such decision and TIA will be published in IAPMO’s Official magazine.

**NOTES:**

1. The length of time necessary to completely process a TIA will depend on the nature of the TIA itself.
2. A proposed TIA which has been submitted for processing pursuant to 5-1 of the Regulations will be automatically docketed as an appeal on the agenda of the IAPMO Standards Council. Any party may advocate their position before the Council. Please note that most Council meetings are held via teleconference.

Parties wishing to address the Council shall notify the Council Secretary no later than 48 hours prior to the Council meeting. Although not required, parties wishing to advocate a position are encouraged, to the extent practicable, to file written submissions in general conformance with Sections 1-6.3 and 1-6.4 of the Regulations in advance of the meeting at which action will be considered.

When an automatically docketed appeal has not been pursued by any party, the Council will not consider the matter as an appeal.

Parties wishing to address the Council are encouraged to advise the staff liaison at the time the proposed TIA is submitted for processing.