

102.2 Other laws. The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of municipality, Emirate of Abu Dhabi or United Arab Emirate applicable laws.

102.3 Application of references. References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

102.4 Referenced codes and standards. The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

The *building official* may approve products, materials and building systems or components that are manufactured to the latest editions of international standards other than those referenced within these codes when, in the opinion of the *building official*, such products meet or exceed the referenced standards. Such comparable standards include, but are not limited to, United Arab Emirate Standards, British Standards, European Norms (EN) Standards, and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standards. The designer shall submit written certification that the proposed comparable standard is consistent with the design and installation requirements of this code and other affected standards. In the event another standard is used, the designer shall be limited to the provisions within that standard and shall not concurrently apply provisions from any other similar standards.

102.5 Partial invalidity. In the event that any part or provision of this code is held to be illegal or void, this shall not have the effect of making void or illegal any of the other parts or provisions.

102.6 Existing structures. The legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as is specifically covered in this code the *Abu Dhabi International Property Maintenance Code*, the *UAE Fire & Life Safety Code of Practice*, the Abu Dhabi Executive Regulations as amended or as is deemed necessary by the *building official* for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.

PART 2-ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 103 BUILDING PERMITS DIRECTORATE. Refer to the Abu Dhabi Executive Regulations as amended.

103.1 Creation of enforcement agency. The Building Permits Directorate is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *building official*.

103.2 Appointment. The *building official* shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction.

103.3 Deputies. In accordance with the prescribed procedures of this jurisdiction