

public welfare, or that involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. Unsafe structures shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the *building official* deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe.

**116.2 Record.** Upon inspection, the *building official* shall cause a report to be prepared on the unsafe condition. The report shall state the occupancy of the structure, the nature of the unsafe condition, and the proposed remedy.

**116.3 Notice.** If an unsafe condition is found, the *building official* shall serve on the owner, agent or person in control of the structure, a written notice that describes the condition deemed unsafe and specifies the required repairs or improvements to be made to abate the unsafe condition, or that requires the unsafe structure to be demolished within a stipulated time. Such notice shall require the person thus notified to declare immediately to the *building official* acceptance or rejection of the terms of the order.

**116.4 Method of service.** Such notice shall be deemed properly served if a copy thereof is (a) delivered to the owner personally; (b) sent by certified or registered mail addressed to the owner at the last known address with the return receipt requested; or (c) delivered in any other manner as prescribed by law. If the certified or registered letter is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice. Service of such notice in the foregoing manner upon the owner's agent or upon the person responsible for the structure shall constitute service of notice upon the owner.

**116.5 Restoration.** The structure or equipment determined to be unsafe by the *building official* is permitted to be restored to a safe condition. To the extent that repairs, *alterations* or *additions* are made or a change of occupancy occurs during the restoration of the structure, such repairs, *alterations*, *additions* or change of occupancy shall comply with the requirements of Section 105.2.2 and Chapter 34.

## **SECTION 117. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION**

**117.1 Use of Regional Materials.**-To aid in the diversification of the Abu Dhabi economy (as outlined in the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030) together with that of the UAE and other countries within the Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC), and to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation of materials, preference should be given to the use of materials sourced from within the GCC where practicable.

**117.2 Use of Recycled Materials-** To minimise the use of the planets limited resources, use of recycled materials are recommended provided the recycled material is in compliance with the applicable provisions of this code.