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Additional explanatory material is in the informative annexes. The term *informative annex* clarifies that the annexes contain additional information and do not contain recommendations or requirements.

**Informational Note:** The format and language used in this *Code* follows guidelines established by NFPA and published in the *NEC Style Manual*. Copies of this manual can be obtained from NFPA.

The *National Electrical Code® Style Manual* can be accessed at [nfpa.org/70](http://nfpa.org/70) by selecting the Current & Prior Editions tab and scrolling down to Additional Information. It can also be downloaded from the NFPA website at [nfpa.org/assets/files/AboutTheCodes/70/NEC\\_Style\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://nfpa.org/assets/files/AboutTheCodes/70/NEC_Style_Manual_2020.pdf).

**(D) Informative Annexes.** Nonmandatory information relative to the use of the *NEC* is provided in informative annexes. Informative annexes are not part of the enforceable requirements of the *NEC*, but are included for information purposes only.

**90.6 Formal Interpretations.** To promote uniformity of interpretation and application of this *Code*, formal interpretation procedures have been established and are found in the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*.

The procedures for Formal Interpretations of the *NEC* are outlined in Section 6 of the NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards. These regulations are included in the *NFPA Standards Directory*, which is published annually and can be found at [nfpa.org/regs](http://nfpa.org/regs).

**90.7 Examination of Equipment for Safety.** For specific items of equipment and materials referred to in this *Code*, examinations for safety made under standard conditions provide a basis for approval where the record is made generally available through promulgation by organizations properly equipped and qualified for experimental testing, inspections of the run of goods at factories, and service-value determination through field inspections. This avoids the necessity for repetition of examinations by different examiners, frequently with inadequate facilities for such work, and the confusion that would result from conflicting reports on the suitability of devices and materials examined for a given purpose.

It is the intent of this *Code* that factory-installed internal wiring or the construction of equipment need not be inspected at the time of installation of the equipment, except to detect alterations or damage, if the equipment has been listed by a qualified electrical testing laboratory that is recognized as having the facilities described in the preceding paragraph and that requires suitability for installation in accordance with this *Code*. Suitability shall be determined by application of requirements that are compatible with this *Code*.

**Informational Note No. 1:** See 110.3 for guidance on safety examinations.

**Informational Note No. 2:** See Article 100 for definitions of *Listed* and *Reconditioned*.

**Informational Note No. 3:** See Informative Annex A for a list of product safety standards that are compatible with this *Code*.

Testing laboratories, inspection agencies, and other organizations concerned with product evaluation publish lists of equipment and materials that have been tested and meet nationally recognized standards or that have been found suitable for use in a specified manner. The *NEC* does not contain detailed information on equipment or materials but refers to products as *listed*, *labeled*, or *identified*. See Article 100 for definitions. Many certification agencies also perform field evaluations of specific installations in order to render an opinion on compliance with *NEC* requirements along with any applicable product standards. NFPA 790, *Standard for Competency of Third-Party Field Evaluation Bodies*, provides requirements for the qualification and competence of a body performing field evaluations on electrical products and assemblies with electrical components. NFPA 791, *Recommended Practice and Procedures for Unlabeled Electrical Equipment Evaluation*, covers recommended procedures for evaluating unlabeled electrical equipment for compliance with nationally recognized standards and with any requirements of the AHJ.

NFPA does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations or procedures, equipment, or materials, the AHJ may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. The AHJ may also refer to the listing or labeling practices of an organization concerned with product evaluations to help determine compliance with appropriate standards.