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## CSSBI Position Paper on CGSB Standards for Prefinished Sheet Steel Cladding

The National Building Code of Canada 2010 includes references to two documents published by the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) dealing with prefinished sheet steel cladding. These documents are:

- CAN/CGSB-93.3–M91 *Prefinished Galvanized and Aluminum-Zinc Alloy Steel Sheet for Residential Use*
- CAN/CGSB-93.4–92 *Galvanized Steel and Aluminum-Zinc Alloy Coated Steel Siding, Soffits and Fascia, Prefinished, Residential*

**It is important to realize that there are no sheet steel products currently manufactured in Canada that meet the requirements contained in these CGSB standards.**

The sheet steel industry in Canada has made significant improvements in the last 20 years since these standards were published, a fact that is not recognized in these CGSB documents. To rectify the inconsistency between the CGSB requirements and current products, the CSSBI has published a standard for residential steel cladding that is up to date and describes the quality products now distributed in Canada. This CSSBI standard is 23M-2011 *Standard for Residential Steel Cladding*. A copy can be downloaded from the CSSBI web site at <http://www.cssbi.ca/publications>.

The CSSBI has submitted a code change proposal to the NBCC Standing Committee on Housing and Small Buildings to replace references to the CGSB standards with a new CSSBI standard 23M-2011. Even though the CGSB standards are included in the building code, it is not in the interests of the consumer or the industry to insist on adherence to a standard that is out of date. The updated CSSBI standard should be considered the proper replacement.