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There are many important changes to the inspection protocol:

Keeping up with changes to the definitions is essential to your success

Following meetings with industry, and in coordination with the HUD program offices, the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) is continuously improving its inspection protocol.

The information in this bulletin is designed to enhance your understanding of the REAC inspection protocol and improve the overall quality of REAC physical inspections. Take some time to become familiar with this change in the protocol:

- **Fire Extinguishers:** If the inspection tag is missing during the REAC inspection, the accompanying authority may produce proof that the fire extinguisher certification is current. If you see such proof, do not record a deficiency for a missing tag.

How can you apply this new definition?

When you come across a fire extinguisher with missing tags during a physical inspection, allow the accompanying authority the chance to present proof that the certification is current. There may not be time during the inspection, so allow the authority to present proof at the end of the inspection. If the authority cannot produce evidence that the fire extinguisher certificate is current on the day of the inspection, then record a deficiency for a missing tag.

To see the all the new definitions visit the REAC website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/react/whatsnew/rephydef.html>