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Description

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Scope

The three priority corrections are:

1. Within the scope for risk group WB, under 'Storage activities such as', a typo was made including the word 'no' (see the corrections as per the red mark-ups below). Refer to page 34 in 2019 C/AS2, Table 1.1 WB.
2. Re-inserting the requirement for a Type 9 in Table 2.2b for buildings in risk group CA with an occupant load between 251 and 1000 people, and an escape height between 4 and 10 metres. Refer to page 43 in 2019 C/AS2.
3. Amending Table 2.2c to allow for the substitution of a Type 3 with additional smoke detectors where the environment might be too challenging for a Type 4. With the development of the new table in the 2019 C/AS2, key footnotes were erroneously left out. Where the occupant load is 100 to 250 and 251 to 1000, and the escape height is between 0 and <4 metres (four fields altogether), footnote 4 should be added to allow for this substitution. Each of the four boxes should read: 4^{4,5,6}, 18⁷. Refer to page 44 in 2019 C/AS2.

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