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### Changes in Occupancy FAQs

#### **1. IEBC 1002.1 and IBC 402 – 6/30/2008**

**Q: For a change of use of a tenant space within a mall, must the tenant space be separated from any other tenant spaces by a fire partition having a fire-resistive rating complying with IBC 708?**

**A:** The requirement for separation of tenant spaces by fire partitions complying with IBC 708 applies only if the mall is a "covered mall building" designed to comply with IBC 402. Consequently, if the mall, or if a portion of the mall that is separated by fire walls into a "separate building," complies with IBC 402 and the designer chooses to use the covered mall option, fire partitions are required. Otherwise, separation between tenant spaces may or may not be required, based on nonseparated-use or separated-use options that may be selected, and the corresponding code requirements.