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INFORMATION BULLETIN 2008-11 (SHL, MP, MH, FBH)

**TO: City and County Building Officials
Manufactured Home and Commercial Modular Manufacturers and Dealers
Factory-built Housing Manufacturers
Third-Party Agencies (QAA & DAA)
Interested Parties (SHL, MP, MH, FBH)
Division Staff**

SUBJECT: APPLIANCE AND MATERIAL RECALL NOTIFICATIONS

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has, in the past, issued Information Bulletins (IB) regarding the recall of various appliances and materials to clarify and inform affected parties of products generally used in the construction of residential occupancies. The most recent Information Bulletin issued by the Department is IB 2008-05, dated January 22, 2008, regarding counterfeit circuit breakers. This service was provided by the Department in order to notify and provide helpful information regarding appliance and material recalls relating to residential occupancies, to enforcement officials, design professionals, manufacturers, dealers and the general public in an effort to mitigate potential hazards. These recalls were initially made public by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

The CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from consumer products under the Commission's jurisdiction. The CPSC's principal objective is to protect consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. At the CPSC website, <http://www.cpsc.gov>, you may subscribe to a notification service from the CPSC regarding regulated products. Additionally, on its website, under the header "Consumer Safety," a link titled "Recalls and Product Safety News" may be accessed to view an archived database of all product recalls.

In an effort to reduce costs incurred by the Department in developing and mailing information of this type, the Department believes it is more cost-effective and efficient to place recall information online, on our website, available to all parties. On the Department's website, at

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/recall.html>, a list of recall information is provided by the Department dating back to October 2005. This information is also provided on the program websites for Manufactured Housing, Factory-Built Housing, State Housing Law, and Mobilehome and Special Occupancy Parks. This list includes a brief description of each recall and the CPSC related web link to directly access recall information.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's change in procedure please contact Christina Umehara, Staff Services Analyst at (916) 327-2832 or by e-mail at cumehara@hcd.ca.gov .

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