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TO: CITY BUILDING OFFICIALS
COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIALS
INTERESTED PARTIES (FBH)
DIVISION STAFF

SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING

This Information Bulletin is issued to clarify provisions of State Law governing factory-built housing installations.

The Department has received numerous complaints relating to local enforcement and inspection for installations of factory-built housing on site.

The applicable provisions of State Law are contained in California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 6, Sections:

19971. "Factory-built housing" means a residential building, dwelling unit, or an individual dwelling room or combination of rooms thereof, or building component, assembly, or system manufactured in such a manner that all concealed parts or processes of manufacture cannot be inspected before installation at the building site without disassembly, damage, or destruction of the part, including units designed for use as part of an institution for resident or patient care, which is either wholly manufactured or is in substantial part manufactured at an offsite location to be wholly or partially assembled onsite in accordance with regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to Section 19990. Factory-built housing shall not be deemed to include a mobilehome, as defined in Section 18008, mobile accessory building or structure, as defined in Section 18010, a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 18010.5, or a commercial coach as defined in Section 18012.

19974. "Installation" means the assembly of factory-built housing onsite and the process of affixing factory-built housing to land, a foundation, footings or an existing building.

19975. "Local enforcement agency" means the city, county, or city and county in which factory-built housing is installed.

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19992. Local enforcement agencies shall enforce and inspect the installation of factory-built housing. The installation of factory-built housing shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 17910), subject to the provisions of Section 19990. The local enforcement agency may, by ordinance, establish an inspection fee for the inspection of the installation of factory-built housing.

Local jurisdictions are encouraged to contact our Factory-Built Program Manager at (916) 445-9471 pertaining to questions of enforcement and inspections of factory-built housing installations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Travis Pitts".

Travis Pitts
Assistant Chief

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