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TO: FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING MANUFACTURERS
 LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS
 DIVISION STAFF

SUBJECT: FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING INSIGNIA REQUIREMENTS

This Information Bulletin is being issued as a reminder of the preemptive statewide "California Factory-Built Housing Law."

California Health and Safety Code Division 13, Part 6 entitled "The California Factory-Built Housing Law" requires that all factory-built housing units sold or offered for sale within this state bear insignia of approval issued by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Health and Safety Code Section 19980 specifically states that:

"All Factory-Built housing manufactured after the effective date of the building standards published in the State Building Standards Code and the other regulations adopted pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 19990) of this part, which is sold or offered for sale to first users within this state, shall bear insignia of approval issued by the department."

The definition of factory-built housing as contained in Health and Safety Code Section 19971 states that factory-built housing means:

. . . a residential building, dwelling unit, or an individual dwelling room or combination of rooms thereof, or building component,¹ panelized wall or roof sections 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

¹ panelized wall or roof assembly

is either wholly manufactured or is in substantial part manufactured at an off-site location to be wholly or partially assembled on-site in accordance with building standards published in the State Building Standards Code and other regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to Section 19990. Factory-built housing does not 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.

When factory-built housing units are found that do not bear insignia of approval, division staff and local enforcement agencies are requested to forward this information to the Division of Codes and Standards, P.O. Box 1407, Sacramento, CA 95812-1407. When possible, information should include, location, manufacturer and description of the unit.

Questions concerning factory-built housing should be directed to our Factory-Built Housing Program Manager, Miguel Mejia at (916) 445-9471 or ATSS 8-485-9471.


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