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TO: City and County Building Officials
Factory-built Housing Manufacturers
Commercial Modular Manufacturers
Special Purpose Commercial Modular Manufacturers
HCD Approved Third-Party Agencies
Interested Parties (SHL, FBH, MH)
Division Staff

SUBJECT: 2013 California Building Standards Code Effective Date
Factory-built Housing, Commercial Modular, and Special Purpose
Commercial Modular Information

This Information Bulletin is issued pursuant to California Health and Safety Code
(HSC) section 17913 to advise local code enforcement agencies and interested
parties of a code adoption or change. Other announcements and clarifications
also are provided in this Bulletin regarding the factory-built housing policy and
procedures.

Effective Date and Application of the 2013 California Building Standards
Code
The 2013 California Building Standards Code, in the California Code of
Regulations (CCR), Title 24, is effective January 1, 2014. These regulations apply
to the design and construction of residential occupancies and their accessory
structures\(^1\), factory–built housing\(^2\), commercial modular\(^3\), special commercial
modular units\(^4\), and permanent buildings, and accessory buildings and structures
constructed in mobilehome and special occupancy parks.

\(^1\) Hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, dormitories, condominiums and dwellings.

\(^2\) “Factory–built housing” means a residential building, dwelling unit, or an individual dwelling room that is either wholly manufactured or is
in substantial part manufactured at an offsite location to be wholly or partially assembled onsite. Factory-built Housing does not include a
manufactured home or mobilehome.

\(^3\) “Commercial modular” means a structure transportable in one or more sections, designed and equipped for human occupancy for
industrial, professional, or commercial purposes, which is required to be moved under permit (HSC, §18001.8).

\(^4\) “Special purpose commercial modular” means a vehicle with or without motive power, designed and equipped for human occupancy for
industrial, professional, or commercial purposes, which is not required to be moved under permit (HSC, §18012.5). The design and
construction standards apply to CCR, Title 24 in specific areas only as referenced in CCR, Title 25, Division I, Chapter 3, Article 3.5.
The 2013 California Building Standards Code will apply to all buildings and structures with a permit application date on or after January 1, 2014. The permit application date is established by local government. Interested parties should contact the applicable building department or enforcement agency to determine how the permit application date is established in a specific jurisdiction.

**Factory-built Housing, Commercial Modular, and Special Purpose Commercial Modular Units**

This Information Bulletin provides 60-day advance notice (see Title 25, CCR section 3049) that all new plans and quality control manuals submitted to HCD-approved design approval agencies on and after January 1, 2014, and all new units, projects or developments beginning construction after January 1, 2014, shall be written, designed, and/or constructed in accordance with the 2013 California Building Standards Code and HCD regulations if such designs are intended to be utilized for FBH product that is sold or offered for sale in California. Plan and quality control manual submissions made prior to January 1, 2014, will be processed as revision. Submissions made after January 1, 2014 shall be processed as a new plan or quality control manual submitted for approval.

**The 2013 California Building Standards Code consists of the following parts and corresponding approved dates:**

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**Adopted Codes and Availability**

Building departments of each state department and each city, county, or city and county, shall have an up-to-date copy of Title 24 of the CCR available for public inspection per HSC, section 18942(d). In addition, each city, county, and city and county, including charter cities, shall obtain and maintain at least one copy of building standards and other state regulations relating to buildings published in Titles 8, 19, 20, 24, and 25 of the CCR, and maintain these codes in the office of the building official responsible for the administration and enforcement of state building standards per HSC section 18942(e)(1).
HCD requests local enforcement agencies share Information Bulletin 2013-05 with contractors, design professionals, other housing professionals, environmental health, and fire service officials within their jurisdictions who have code enforcement responsibilities for housing. Questions or comments regarding the effective date of the 2013 California Building Standards Code should be directed to the Division of Codes and Standards at (916) 445-9471.

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