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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 16 December 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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TITLE: Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing--Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards by adopting certain recommendations made to HUD by the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC), as modified by HUD. The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (the Act) requires HUD to publish in the Federal Register all proposed revised construction and safety standards (Construction and Safety Standards, or Standards) submitted by the MHCC. The MHCC prepared and submitted to HUD its second group of recommendations to improve various aspects of the Construction and Safety Standards. HUD is including a number of revisions in this final rule to reflect recent changes to code standards adopted by private standard-setting organizations and recommended by the MHCC or members of the public. However, HUD has decided at this time not to go forward in this final rule with certain revisions contained in the proposed rule due to pending regulations for improving energy efficiency in manufactured homes currently being prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE). HUD has also decided not to move forward with its proposal to establish maximum formaldehyde emissions standards for particleboard materials used in Manufactured Housing flooring applications so that HUD can consider standards for formaldehyde being established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

DATES: Effective Date: 9 June 2014. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 9 June 2014.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-09/html/2013-28775.htm>

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