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## **HUD Extends Effective Date of New Installation Standards Requirements to January 1, 2009**

(October 17, 2008) - Earlier today HUD announced it is extending the effective date of the new Manufactured Home Installation Standards from October 20, 2008 to January 1, 2009.

Extending the effective date will give manufacturers additional time to ensure their new installation manuals are approved by their DAPIA's as compliant with HUD's new Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards. The extension also gives retailers and installers much needed additional time to fully orient themselves with the new manuals to ensure installations are completed in compliance with the installation standards requirements.

HUD granted the extension in response to a formal request from MHI. Please see the directive from HUD sent earlier today.

*'On October 2, 2008, the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) sent a letter to the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing requesting an extension of the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards effective date from October 20, 2008 to January 1, 2009. This extension would apply to all manufactured homes sold after January 1, 2009. For the following reasons, this extension is hereby granted.*

*As MHI noted, manufacturers have been working to comply with the October 20, 2008 effective date, but have faced several challenges in implementing the new standards. Specifically, the industry's generic Model Manufacturer's Installation Manual that was funded by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research was not completed as quickly as the industry expected. This model manual was developed to promote consistency within the industry regarding the development of installation manuals that comply with HUD's new Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.*

*This extension will also provide HUD agents, the Design Approval Primary Inspection Agencies (DAPIAs) additional time to review and approve the new installation manuals that are required for all homes built by all manufacturers. If HUD had not granted this extension, the Production Inspection Primary Inspection Agencies (IPIAs) at the manufacturing plants will have been required to red tag all homes new without updated installation manuals on or after October 20.*

*This extension will also allow manufacturers additional time to provide the updated installation instructions for previously produced homes that have not yet been sold, and allow additional time for all stakeholders to fully orient themselves with the requirements in the new manuals to plan for and ensure that homes sold on or after January 1, 2009 will be installed in compliance with comply with the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards.*

*While HUD will not seek strict compliance with any aspect of the Manufactured Home Installation Program regulations until January 1, 2009, we strongly recommend all homes be installed in accordance with manuals that comply with the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards as soon as those manuals.'*

MHI will be providing more specific detail on the extension after conferring further with HUD.

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