

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2024 Agency Report

1. Please provide a summary of your agency's activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities" and the National Technology Transfer and Advance Act (NTTAA). The summary should contain a link to the agency's standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency's standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

Standards are used to guide the work of the grantees and other HUD supported agencies in providing quality housing and improvements in America's communities. Standards support the achievement of the HUD mission by our state and local partners. In most cases, HUD and our partners use standards developed by or in conjunction with other related users, such as model building codes developed for and adopted by communities nationwide. Because there are virtually no differences between HUD-assisted and market-based construction and development, use of standards such as building codes that are developed through a public process for the entire design and construction industry are relevant and appropriate. Because of the way HUD supports local housing efforts, the communities use the building codes that have been adopted at the state or local level for both the HUD-assisted projects as well as the broader construction market. In rare cases, HUD is responsible for the standards, as it is the case with the Government Standard: 24 CFR 3280 – Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. As mandated in legislation, HUD proceeds through the federal rulemaking process as it publishes and enforces the construction standards for manufactured housing, which is maintained through a consensus standards development process through recommendations from the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee, a Federal Advisory Committee.

2. Please record any government-unique standards (GUS) your agency began using in lieu of voluntary consensus standards (VCS) during FY 2024. Please note, GUS which are still in effect from previous years should continue to be listed, and you do not need to report your agency's use of a GUS where no similar VCS exists.

Start by reviewing Table 1: Current Government Unique Standards FY2023.

To add a new GUS, please include:

1. The name of the GUS;
2. The name(s) and version(s) of the VCS(s) that might have been used, but after review, found to be inappropriate;
3. A brief rationale on why the VCS(s) was not chosen.

To rescind a GUS, (if they are no longer in use or have been replaced by a voluntary consensus standard) please:

1. Cross out the standard from Table 1.
2. Add a 'Rationale for Rescinding' explaining why the standard was rescinded.

Please record below the total number of GUS currently in use. This number should include the previous total plus any new GUS added, and minus any GUS rescinded:

Current total GUS: 1

Table 1: Current Government Unique Standards FY2024

(1) Government Unique Standard

24 CFR 3280 – Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards [Incorporated: 2000]

Voluntary Standard

ANSI A119.1 – Recreation Vehicles and NFPA 501C – Standard on Recreational Vehicles

Rationale

HUD-Unique Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. HUD was required by the Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended, to “establish Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes and to authorize manufactured home safety research and development”.

Updated FY2024: On September 16, 2024, HUD published the “Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards” final rule (MHCSS 4th and 5th Sets) in the Federal Register. This final rule amends the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (MHCSS or the Construction and Safety Standards) by adopting most of the fourth and fifth groups of recommendations made to HUD by the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC). This rule also amends the Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations, the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards, and

the Manufactured Home Installation Program regulations. This Final Rule includes 90 new and updated incorporation by Reference Standards for various materials, components, and systems used in the production of manufactured housing. The MHCC prepared and submitted to HUD its fourth and fifth groups of recommendations to improve various aspects of the MHCSS. HUD reviewed those proposals and drafted a number of proposed revisions to the MHCSS and associated regulations. On July 19, 2022, HUD published a proposed rule detailing these revisions to provide the public an opportunity to comment. The comment period closed on September 19, 2022. This final rule adopts HUD's proposed revisions based upon the MHCC's fourth and fifth groups of recommendations with some minor revisions made in response to the public comments.