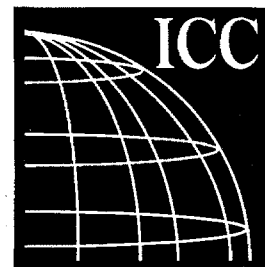


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More than 20 years ago, Congress enacted the National Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974. This bill directed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop a preemptive code to regulate the construction of manufactured housing, resulting in the promulgation of the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards (FMHCSS, 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.; 24 CFR Part 3280 and Part 3282.) From 1987 through 1994, the Council of American Building Officials (CABO) processed proposed changes to the FMHCSS on an annual basis under an agreement with HUD, using code change procedures similar to those used for other CABO building codes. In 1994, the National Commission on Manufactured Housing recommended that the FMHCSS be revised in accordance with American National Standards Institute procedures. At that time, CABO dissolved the code change committee and appointed a consensus committee to operate under ANSI-accredited procedures. In 1998, CABO became the International Code Council (ICC).

This first edition of ICC/ANSI 2.0-1998, Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards, includes changes to the federal standards approved by the ICC MHCSS Consensus committee, which were forwarded to HUD for consideration as modifications to 24 CFR Part 3280. To facilitate the use of this standard, each section number is followed by the corresponding section in the FMHCSS in brackets, for example: [3280.1].

Suggestions for improving this edition will be welcome. They should be sent to the International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church, VA 22041.

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Chapter 1. General

101 Scope. [3280.1] This standard covers all equipment and installations in the design, construction, transportation, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing and electrical systems of manufactured homes which are designed to be used as dwelling units. This standard seeks to the maximum extent possible to establish performance requirements. In certain instances, however, the use of specific requirements is necessary.

102 Definitions. [3280.2] Definitions in this chapter are those common to all chapters of the standard and are in addition to the definitions provided in individual chapters. The definitions are as follows:

Approved. When used in connection with any material, appliance or construction, means complying with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Bay window. A window assembly whose maximum horizontal projection is not more than two feet from the plane of an exterior wall and is elevated above the floor level of the home.

Center. The midline between the right and left side of a manufactured home.

Certification label. The approved form of certification by the manufacturer that, under 108, is permanently affixed to each transportable section of each manufactured home manufactured for sale in the United States.

Combustible material. Materials made of, or surfaced with, wood, compressed paper, plant fibers, or other material that will ignite and burn. Such materials shall be considered as combustible even though flameproofed, fire-retardant treated, or plastered.

Defect. Any defect in the performance, construction, components, or material of a manufactured home that renders the home or any part thereof not fit for the ordinary use for which it was intended.

Department. The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dwelling unit. One or more habitable rooms which are designed to be occupied by one family with facilities for living, sleeping, cooking and eating.

Equipment. Materials, appliances, devices, fixtures, fittings or accessories both in the construction of, and in the fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing and electrical systems of manufactured homes.

Federal manufactured home construction and safety standard. A reasonable standard for the construction, design, and performance of a manufactured home which meets the needs of the public including the need for quality, durability, and safety.

Imminent safety hazard. A hazard that presents an imminent and unreasonable risk of death or severe personal injury.

Installations. All arrangements and methods of construction, as well as fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing and electrical systems used in manufactured homes.

Labeled. A label, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency, or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling is indicated in compliance with nationally recognized standards or tests to determine suitable usage in a specified manner.

Length of a manufactured home. Its largest overall length in the traveling mode, including cabinets, and other projections which contain interior space. Length does not include bay windows, roof projections, overhangs, or eaves under which there is no interior space, nor does it include drawbars, couplings or hitches.

Listed or certified. Included in a list published by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency, or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic