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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

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24 CFR Subtitles A and B
[Docket No. FR-5134-N-02]
Semiannual Regulatory Agenda
AGENCY: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 4(b) of Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review," as amended, HUD is publishing its agenda of regulations already issued or that are expected to be issued during the next several months. The agenda also includes rules currently in effect that are under review and describes those regulations that may affect small entities, as required by section 602 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The purpose of publication of the agenda is to encourage more effective public participation in the regulatory process by providing the public with advance information about pending regulatory activities.

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telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired individuals (TTY) is available at (800) 877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Service).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" (58 FR 51735), as amended by Executive Order 13258 (67 FR 9385), requires each department or agency to publish semiannually an agenda of: (1) Regulations that the department or agency has issued or expects to issue and (2) rules currently in effect that are under departmental or agency review. The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 to 612) requires each department or agency to publish semiannually a regulatory agenda of rules expected to be proposed or promulgated that are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of "small entities," meaning small businesses, small organizations, or small governmental jurisdictions.

Executive Order 12866, as amended, and the Regulatory Flexibility Act each permits incorporation of the agenda required by these two authorities with any other prescribed agenda. Therefore, the agenda set out below combines the information required by Executive Order 12866, as amended, and the Regulatory Flexibility Act. In addition, the agenda contains certain information not required by either the Executive order or by the Regulatory Flexibility Act that the Department considers useful, both to better inform the public and to enhance the Department's own inventory control over its body of regulations.

Section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act requires each department or agency to publish annually a list of the rules that have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and that are to be reviewed in accordance with the requirements of section 610 during the succeeding 12 months. Existing regulations that HUD proposes to amend by rules described and published in this agenda are reviewed in accordance with the principles of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the rule should be continued without change, amended, or rescinded. Proposed changes to existing regulations provide the opportunity for the Department to conduct a section 610 review.

The Department also is subject to certain rulemaking requirements set forth in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3531 *et seq.*). Section 7(o) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(o)) requires that the Secretary transmit to the congressional committees having jurisdictional oversight of HUD (the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and the House Committee on Financial Services) a semiannual agenda of all rules or regulations that are under development or review by the Department. A rule appearing on the agenda cannot be published for comment before or during the first 15 calendar days after transmittal of the agenda. Section 7(o) provides that if, within that period, either committee notifies the Secretary that it intends to review any rule or regulation that appears on the agenda, the Secretary must submit to both committees a copy

of the rule or regulation, in the form it is intended to be proposed, at least 15 calendar days before it is published for comment. The semiannual agenda published today is the agenda transmitted to the committees in compliance with the above requirements.

HUD has attempted to list in this agenda all regulations and regulatory reviews pending at the time of publication, except for minor and routine or repetitive actions, but some may have been inadvertently omitted, or may have arisen too late to be included in the published agenda. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this agenda. Also, where a date is provided for the next rulemaking action, the date is an estimate and is not a commitment to act on or by the date shown.

In some cases, HUD has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity. Withdrawal of a rule does not necessarily mean that HUD will not proceed with the rulemaking. Withdrawal allows HUD to assess the subject matter further and determine whether rulemaking in that area is appropriate. Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate. If that determination is made, such rules will be included in a succeeding semiannual agenda.

In addition, for a few rules that have been published as proposed or interim rules and which, therefore, require further rulemaking, HUD has identified the timing of the next action stage as "undetermined." These are rules that are still under review by HUD for which a determination and timing of the next action stage have not yet been made.

The format of the agenda remains unchanged from previous years. HUD's agenda items are divided first by program office. Within each program office, the agenda items are divided into five groups: (i) Pre-rulemaking actions; (ii) publication or other implementation of notices of proposed rulemaking; (iii) publication or other implementation of final rules; (iv) long-term rules; and (v) completed actions. Within each grouping, rules are listed in chronological order by the part number of the CFR affected. Where a rule affects

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multiple parts of the CFR, the rule is listed by the first affected part number.

Beginning with the fall 2007 edition, the Internet will be the basic means for disseminating the Unified Agenda. The complete Unified Agenda will be available online at www.reginfo.gov, in a format that offers users a greatly enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database.

Because publication in the **Federal Register** is mandated for the regulatory flexibility agendas required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602), the Department's printed agenda entries include only:

(1) Rules that are in the Agency's regulatory flexibility agenda, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, because they are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; and

(2) any rules that the Agency has identified for periodic review under section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Printing of these entries is limited to fields that contain information required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act's Agenda requirements. Additional information on these entries is available in the Unified Agenda published on the Internet. In addition, for fall editions of

the Agenda, the entire Regulatory Plan will continue to be printed in the **Federal Register**, as in past years, including the Department's regulatory plan.

Since the purpose of publication of the agenda is to encourage more effective public participation in the regulatory process by providing the public with early information about the Department's future regulatory actions, HUD invites all interested members of the public to comment on the rules listed in the agenda.

Dated: August 31, 2007.

Roy A. Bernardi,
Deputy Secretary.

Office of Housing—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
398	24 CFR 3500 Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA); To Simplify and Improve the Process of Obtaining Mortgages and Reduce Consumer Costs (FR-5180) (Reg Plan Seq No. 84)	2502-AI61

References in boldface appear in the Regulatory Plan in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Office of Housing—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
399	24 CFR 3285 Manufactured Home Installation Program (FR-4812)	2502-AH97

Office of Housing—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
400	24 CFR 3500 et seq Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA); To Simplify and Improve the Process of Obtaining Mortgages and Reduce Consumer Costs (FR-4727)	2502-AH85

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Proposed Rule Stage

Office of Housing (OH)

398. REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES ACT (RESPA); TO SIMPLIFY AND IMPROVE THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING MORTGAGES AND REDUCE CONSUMER COSTS (FR-5180)

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 84 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 2502-AI61

**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Office of Housing (OH)**
Final Rule Stage
**399. MANUFACTURED HOME
INSTALLATION PROGRAM (FR-4812)**
Legal Authority: 42 USC 3535(d); 42 USC 5401 et seq

Abstract: HUD is required under the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 to establish an installation program that includes: (1) Installation standards; (2) the training and licensing of manufactured home installers; and (3) inspection of the installation of manufactured homes. HUD's program

will be established in States that do not have their own qualifying installation program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/10/03	68 FR 11448
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/24/03	
NPRM	06/14/06	71 FR 34476
NPRM Comment Period End	08/14/06	
Final Action	02/00/08	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes**
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**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Office of Housing (OH)**
Completed Actions
**400. REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT
PROCEDURES ACT (RESPA); TO
SIMPLIFY AND IMPROVE THE
PROCESS OF OBTAINING
MORTGAGES AND REDUCE
CONSUMER COSTS (FR-4727)**
Legal Authority: 12 USC 2601 et seq; 42 USC 3535(d)

Abstract: In July and August 2005, HUD held seven roundtable discussions about possible changes to HUD's RESPA regulations with industry, including small business entities, consumers, and other interested parties. These roundtables were held at HUD

Headquarters and in the cities of Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; and Fort Worth, Texas. HUD found the roundtable discussions to be very informative and, after further considerations of the issues and proposals raised at the roundtables and further assessment of current mortgage industry practices, HUD is proposing changes to its RESPA regulations that would improve and standardize the Good Faith Estimate (GFE) form to make it easier to use for shopping among settlement providers and help borrowers understand how yield spread

premiums can affect their settlement charges.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	01/02/07	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes**
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