Important notice/purchaser disclosure

Regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CFR3288.5 require that the purchaser of a new manufactured home containing a construction label issued on or after Feb. 8, 2008, shall be provided a copy of the Notice of Dispute Resolution at the time of signing the purchase agreement.

Notice of dispute resolution

"The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Manufactured Home Dispute Resolution Program is available to resolve disputes among manufacturers, retailers, or installers concerning defects in manufactured homes. Many states also have a consumer assistance or dispute resolution program. For additional information about these programs, see sections titled "Dispute Resolution Process" and "Additional Information – HUD Manufactured Home Dispute Resolution Program" in the consumer manual required to be provided to the purchaser. These programs are not warranty programs and do not replace the manufacturers, or any other person's, warranty program."

New manufactured home buyers

HUD regulations and Minnesota's manufactured home program administered by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry offer purchasers of new manufactured homes consumer complaint investigations and dispute resolution on certain defects reported to the state agency within the first year following the initial installation of a new manufactured home.

All manufactured home buyers

All manufactured homes (new and used) must be installed by a licensed manufactured home installer in compliance with applicable state and/or federal requirements for the installation and anchoring of such homes. Minnesota law permits the installation of a manufactured home to be completed by the legal owner of the home provided that the installation complies with all the requirements under state and federal regulations and that all necessary building permits are secured prior to commencing the work. There may be additional costs incurred by the home buyer in complying with building permit requirements and inspections that should be researched by contacting either the local or state authority having jurisdiction.

Additional information regarding the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, Manufactured Home Dispute Resolution Program and Minnesota's manufactured home installation program for new and used manufactured homes may be obtained from:

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
Construction Codes and Licensing Division
443 Lafayette Road N.
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: 651-284-5068

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing
451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 9164
Washington, DC 20410-8000
Phone: 202-708-6423

Acknowledgement by purchaser of receipt of Notice of Dispute Resolution provided by manufactured home retailer:

Purchaser's name: Date:

Purchaser's signature: Date:

Serial number of manufactured home:

This notice is made available exclusively to members of the Minnesota Manufactured Housing Association and is a convenient reference tool only. All parties should consult an attorney prior to signing or using this document.

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