MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Building Officials
    Industrialized/Modular Building Manufacturers
    Maryland Approved Testing Facilities

FROM: Ed Landon, Director, Maryland Codes Administration

RE: Construction Trailers, Storage Trailers, and Other Temporary Relocatable Structures

As required by the Maryland Public Safety Article 12-306, an industrialized building that is manufactured after June 30, 1977, may not be sold, offered for sale or installed in the State unless the industrialized building:

1. is certified by the Department for sale in the State; and
2. bears the insignia provided by the Department.

As per Maryland Public Safety Article 12-301, an industrialized building is defined as being installed off site from the manufactured or assembly point. Furthermore, the Public Safety Article provides definition of “Install” which means to assemble an industrialized building on site and to affix it to land, a foundation, footings, or an existing building.

This means that any building that is manufactured after June 30, 1977, entirely or in substantial part at the manufacturing plant and transported to the location of use for installation, including assembly of the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, insulation, and other service systems on site and affixing it to land, a foundation, footings or an existing building must bear insignia(s) provided by the Department.

The COMAR 05.02.04.04(C) requires local enforcement agencies to verify that any building including construction trailer, storage trailer and other temporary relocatable structure meeting the definition of an industrialized building must bear Maryland certification insignia(s). If local enforcement agencies find the violations of the Department’s requirements, they shall forward notice of these violations to the Department. Any person who violates the Act and/or the regulations adopted under the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject for each violation to a fine of not more than $1000.