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TO: DIRECTORS, OFFICE OF HOUSING;
FIELD OFFICE MANAGERS AND CHIEFS

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SUBJECT: HUD BUILDING PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR
PLASTIC BATHROOM FIXTURES

Members of the HUD staff processing cases and inspecting construction shall use this information in determining acceptability of the subject material for the use indicated.

This bulletin should be filed with Bulletins on Special Methods of Construction and Materials as required by prescribed procedures. Additional copies may be requisitioned by the field offices.

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Subject to good workmanship, compliance with applicable codes, and the methods of application listed herein, the materials described in this bulletin may be considered suitable for HUD Housing Programs, including Housing for the Elderly and Care-Type Housing.

The eligibility of a property under these Programs is determined on the property as an entity and involves the consideration of underwriting and other factors not indicated herein. Thus, compliance with this bulletin should not be construed as qualifying the property as a whole, or any part thereof, as to its eligibility.

The methods of application for the materials listed herein are to be considered as part of the HUD Minimum Property Standards and shall remain effective until this bulletin is cancelled or superseded.

HUD BUILDING PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
FOR PLASTIC BATHTUB UNITS, PLASTIC SHOWER RECEPTORS AND STALLS,
PLASTIC LAVATORIES, PLASTIC WATER CLOSET BOWLS AND TANKS

GENERAL - ADMINISTRATION

This certification program shall be administered by organizations that qualify under the Administrator Qualifications and Procedures for HUD Building Products Certification Program, and shall comply with 24 CFR 200.935, dated September 20, 1979, except as modified by the provisions of this Use of Materials Bulletin UM 73a (UM 73a). UM 73a supersedes UM 73.

PROCEDURES

Procedures for carrying out the certification program shall be in accordance with 24 CFR 200.935, supplemented by Section 200.937 which requires that:

1. The administrator issue to the manufacturer labels containing the administrator's validation mark, the manufacturer's statement of conformance to the appropriate referenced standard, the manufacturer's name and code identifying the plant location.
2. A certification label be affixed to each plastic bathroom fixture.
3. At least every six months, the administrator visit the manufacturer's facility to select a sample of each certified plastic bathtub unit, plastic water closet bowl and tank for testing in an approved laboratory, in accordance with applicable standards.
4. At least once every twelve months, the administrator visit the manufacturer's facility to select a sample of each certified

plastic lavatories for testing in accordance with applicable standards.

5. The administrator also review quality control procedures at each visit to determine that they continue to be followed.

STANDARDS

Plastic bathtub units, plastic shower receptors and stalls, plastic lavatories and plastic water closet bowls and tanks shall be designed, assembled and tested in compliance with the following American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards:

ANSI Z124.1 - 1980 Plastic Bathtub Units

ANSI Z124.2 - 1980 Plastic Shower Receptors and Stalls

ANSI Z124.3 - 1980 Plastic Lavatories

ANSI Z124.4 - 1983 Plastic Water Closet Bowls and Tanks

Copies of these standards are available from: The American National Standards Institute, Inc. 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

FACSIMILES OF LABELS FOR ACCEPTED ADMINISTRATORS

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