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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (301)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Plywood and other wood-based structural panels (HS heading 4412)
5. Title: Revision of Use of Materials Bulletin (UM) 40C Used in HUD Building Product Standards and Certification Programme for Plywood and Other Performance-Rated Wood-Based Structural-Use Panels (2 pages)
6. Description of content: This proposed rule would adopt a use of materials bulletin for plywood and wood-based structural-use panels (UM-40C) that references national voluntary consensus standards. This bulletin would also provide a labelling and a third party certification programme to assure that the building products used in Department programmes meet the appropriate voluntary consensus standard. The proposed rule would supplement the Department's Building Product and Certification Programme by requiring that certain additional information be included on the label, tag, or mark that each manufacturer would affix to a certified product. It would also specify the frequency with which products would be tested in order to be acceptable to the Department.
7. Objective and rationale: Safety
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 19895, 14 May 1990; 24 CFR Part 200. Will appear in the <u>Federal Register</u> when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 13 July 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: