

and will be based on the structure's exterior dimensions measured at the largest horizontal projections when erected on-site. These dimensions will include all expandable rooms, cabinets, and other projections containing interior space, but do not include bay windows. Nothing in this definition should be interpreted to mean that a manufactured home necessarily meets the requirements of HUD's Minimum Property Standards (HUD Handbook 4900.1) or that it is automatically eligible for financing under 12 U.S.C. 1709(b) certification.

*Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards or MHCSS.* The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards established in part 3280 of this chapter, pursuant to section 604 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 5403.

*Manufactured home gas supply connector.* A listed connector designed for connecting the manufactured home to the gas supply source.

*Manufactured home site.* A designated parcel of land designed for the installation of one manufactured home for the exclusive use of the occupants of the home.

*Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee or MHCC.* The consensus committee established pursuant to section 604(a)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 5403(a)(3).

*Model Installation Standards.* The installation standards established in part 3285 of this chapter, pursuant to section 605 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 5404.

*Pier.* That portion of the support system between the footing and the manufactured home, exclusive of shims. Types of piers include, but are not limited to: Manufactured steel stands; pressure-treated wood; manufactured concrete stands; concrete blocks; and portions of foundation walls.

*Ramada.* Any freestanding roof or shade structure, installed or erected above a manufactured home or any portion thereof.

*Secretary.* The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or an official of HUD delegated the authority of the Secretary with respect to the Act.

*Skirting.* A weather-resistant material used to enclose the perimeter, under the living area of the home, from the bottom of the manufactured home to grade.

*Stabilizing devices.* All components of the anchoring and support systems, such as piers, footings, ties, anchoring equipment, anchoring assemblies, or any other equipment, materials, and methods of construction, that support and secure the manufactured home to the ground.

*State.* Each of the several states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

*Support system.* Pilings, columns, footings, piers, foundation walls, shims, and any combination thereof that, when properly installed, support the manufactured home.

*Tie.* Straps, cable, or securing devices used to connect the manufactured home to anchoring assemblies.

*Ultimate load.* The absolute maximum magnitude of load that a component or system can sustain, limited only by failure.

*Utility connection.* The connection of the manufactured home to utilities that include, but are not limited to, electricity, water, sewer, gas, or fuel oil.

*Vertical tie.* A tie intended to resist uplifting and overturning forces.

*Wind zone.* The areas designated on the Basic Wind Zone Map, as further defined in §3280.305(c) of the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards in this chapter, which delineate the wind design load requirements.

*Working load.* The maximum recommended load that may be exerted on a component or system determined by dividing the ultimate load of a component or system by an appropriate factor of safety.

#### §3285.6 Final leveling of manufactured home.

The manufactured home must be adequately leveled prior to completion of the installation, so that the home's performance will not be adversely affected. The home will be considered adequately leveled if there is no more than ¼ inch difference between adjacent pier supports (frame or perimeter) and the exterior doors and windows of the home do not bind and can be properly operated.