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RECOMMENDED RESPONSE to COMMENT 02-03-24**

Members of Workgroup 3 met on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 and July 23, 2025, during their regularly scheduled virtual meetings to discuss the referred unresolved questions from public comment IS-OSMTH-02-03-24.

The specific items addressed from Section 202 Definitions reads:

Item 5 – ‘CHASSIS.’

CHASSIS. The entire transportation system comprising of the drawbar and coupling mechanism, frame, running gear assembly and lights that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and bears a label applied by a manufacturer that is listed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Item 6 – ‘PERMANENT CHASSIS.’

PERMANENT CHASSIS. ~~A foundation CHASSIS and transportation system that is an integral part of the TINY HOUSE’S structure and cannot be removed without significant structural modifications, to include drawbar, coupling mechanism, frame, running gear assembly and lights; for modular buildings designed to meet the applicable building code. In use as a permanent foundation system, anchorage of the building to the foundation is provided to resist the uplift and sliding forces that result from the application of the prescribed loads.~~

RECOMMENDED ACTION: APPROVE AS FUTHER MODIFIED

Based on the resulting discussion of these terms the workgroup recommends that the public comment be modified as presented below:

CHASSIS. A floor framing and transport system designed to transfer structural loads to the permanent foundation. It is an integral component of the structure and cannot be removed without substantial structural alteration. The chassis includes such transportation and safety features as the drawbar and coupling mechanism, frame, running gear assembly, and complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

PERMANENT CHASSIS be DELETED as a defined term.

REASON STATEMENT: The workgroup reviewed the proponent's reason statement and determined that combining the terms reinforces the integral nature of the chassis within the structural load path and floor framing systems. Workgroup discussions centered on the fundamental understanding that the **chassis** in SRUs/Tiny Houses serves two key roles: (1) as a transportation system and (2) as a floor-framing system.

The revised definition helps address the ambiguity surrounding the movable nature of some SRUs/Tiny Houses and supports the conclusion that the chassis functions as part of the structural floor/frame system—thereby making it subject to inspection and design review.

While the definition retains reference to transportation safety requirements - the workgroup agreed that detailed discussion of transportation-specific elements is more appropriately located in the body of the standard. That discussion may include industry-recognized terms such as "Carrier System" or "Purpose-Built Chassis."