

that have not been submitted and reviewed by the Department.

Certification will not apply to buildings constructed by or for State or local government entities, which are subject to title II of the ADA. Nor does certification apply to accessibility requirements that are addressed by the Maryland law that are not addressed by the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Finally, certification does not apply to variances or waivers granted under the Maryland law. Therefore, if a builder receives a variance, waiver, modification, or other exemption from the requirements of the Maryland law for any element of construction or alterations, the certification determination will not constitute evidence of ADA compliance with respect to that element.

**Procedure:** The Department will review comments received from the public regarding the proposed determination and, during the 60-day comment period, will hold an informal hearing in Maryland to provide an opportunity for interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to express their views with respect to the preliminary determination of equivalency of the Maryland law. Interested parties who wish to testify at the hearing should contact Linda Garrett at (202) 353-0423 TTY or by e-mail at [Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov](mailto:Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov).

The hearing site will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids should contact Linda Garrett at (202) 353-0423 TTY, or by e-mail at [Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov](mailto:Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov). A notice of at least four days before the hearing date would be greatly appreciated if individuals require sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights; Certification of the Maryland Accessibility Code Under the Americans With Disabilities Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice will hold an informal hearing in

Washington, DC on the proposed certification that the Maryland Accessibility Code, under .05.02.02 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), as adopted pursuant to Article 83B, section 6-102 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (together, the Maryland law), meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

**DATES:** The hearing in Washington, DC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2003, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held at: Disability Rights Section, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 4039, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 1425 NYA Building, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone number (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TTY).

Copies of this notice are available in formats accessible to individuals with vision impairments and may be obtained by calling (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TTY).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the Department of Justice (Department) is publishing a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that it had preliminarily determined that the Maryland Accessibility Code, under .05.02.02 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), as adopted pursuant to Article 83B, section 6-102 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (together, the Maryland law), meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA. The Department noted that it intended to issue final certification of the Maryland law and requested written comments on the preliminary determination and the proposed final certification. The Department also noted that it intended to hold an informal hearing in Ellicott City, Maryland, during the 60-day comment period on the preliminary determination.

**Procedure:** In addition to the informal hearing in Ellicott City, Maryland, the Department will hold an informal hearing in Washington, DC, after the close of the 60-day comment period to provide an opportunity for interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to express their views with respect to the issuance of a final determination of equivalency of the Maryland Law. Interested parties who wish to testify at the hearing should

contact Linda Garrett at (202) 353-0423 TTY, or by e-mail at [Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov](mailto:Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—The Digital Subscriber Line Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on July 16, 2003, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), The Digital Subscriber Line Forum ("DSL") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTRI, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong-China; Bridgewater Systems, Kanata, Ontario, Canada; Celite Systems, Austin, TX; Cidco Communications Corporation, Morgan Hill, CA; DrayTek Corp., Hsinchu, Taiwan; E & E Magnetic Products, Hong Kong, Hong Kong-China; eCommerce Innovation Centre, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom; Efficient Networks, Dallas, TX; Entrisphere, Santa Clara, CA; Gemtek Technology Co., Hokou, Hsinchu, Taiwan; Georgia Tech Broadband Institute, Atlanta, GA; Incognito Software, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; Infratel Communications, Huntingdon Valley, PA; ITI Limited, Bangalore, Karatka, India; Juniper Networks, Westford, MA; Lite-On Technology, Chung-Ho, Taipei, Hsien, Taiwan; Netgear, Santa Clara, CA; Pine-net, Broken Bow, OK; Point Topic,