

## U.S. Federal Register Update: October 1 – October 5, 2018

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### [Nuclear Criticality Safety Standards for Nuclear Materials Outside Reactor Cores](#)

**Published** 10/3/2018

**Reference** ANSI, ISO

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.71, "Nuclear Criticality Safety Standards for Nuclear Materials Outside Reactor Cores." Revision 3 endorses guidance in multiple American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS)-8 standards, as well as a specific International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standard. In addition, the scope of this guide is expanded to include packaging and transportation and certain storage facilities because many of the standards are based on broad principles that are not limited solely to fuel processing facilities. **Revision 3 to RG 3.71 is available on October 3, 2018.**

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### [Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Three-Phase Commercial Air-Cooled Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps With a Certified Cooling Capacity of Less Than 65,000 Btu/h](#)

**Published** 10/2/2018

**Reference** ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating a data collection process through this request for information ("RFI") to consider whether to amend its test procedure for three-phase commercial air-cooled air conditioners and heat pumps with a cooling capacity of less than 65,000 British thermal units per hour ("Btu/h"). To inform interested parties and to facilitate this process, DOE has gathered data, identifying several issues associated with the currently applicable test procedures on which DOE is interested in receiving comment. The issues outlined in this document mainly concern three-phase commercial air-cooled air conditioners and heat pumps with a cooling capacity of less than 65,000 Btu/h and whether the test procedure and certification and compliance provisions for this equipment should align with those provisions that apply to single-phase central air conditioners and heat pumps with rated cooling capacities of less than 65,000 Btu/h; and any additional topics that may inform DOE's decisions in a future test procedure rulemaking, including methods to reduce regulatory burden while ensuring the procedure's accuracy. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI). **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before December 3, 2018.**

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### [VA Acquisition Regulation: Describing Agency Needs; Contract Financing](#)

**Published** 10/1/2018

**Reference** ANSI

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending and updating its VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) in phased increments to revise or remove any policy superseded by changes in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), to remove procedural guidance internal to VA into the VA Acquisition Manual (VAAM), and to incorporate any new agency specific regulations or policies. These changes seek to streamline and align the VAAR with the FAR and remove outdated and duplicative requirements and reduce burden on contractors. The VAAM incorporates portions of the removed VAAR as well as other internal agency acquisition policy. VA will rewrite certain parts of the VAAR and VAAM, and as VAAR parts are rewritten, we will publish them in the Federal Register. In particular, this rulemaking revises VAAR concerning Describing Agency Needs and Contract Financing, as well as affected parts covering the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation System, Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses, and Special Procurement Controls. **This rule is effective on October 31, 2018.**

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### [Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission](#)

**Published** 10/3/2018

**Reference** ANSI

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number. **Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before December 3, 2018. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.**

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#### [Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Determination 34 for Significant New Alternatives Policy Program](#)

**Published** 10/4/2018

**Reference** ASHRAE, NFPA

This determination of acceptability expands the list of acceptable substitutes pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. This action lists as acceptable additional substitutes for use in the refrigeration and air conditioning, foam blowing, fire suppression, cleaning solvents, and aerosols sectors. **This determination is applicable on October 4, 2018.**

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#### [Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Countervailing Duty Order](#)

**Published** 10/5/2018

**Reference** ASME, ASTM

Based on the affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing a countervailing duty order (CVD) on stainless steel flanges from India. **Applicable October 5, 2018.**

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#### [Forged Steel Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

**Published** 10/5/2018

**Reference** ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of forged steel fittings from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). **Applicable October 5, 2018.**

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#### [Forged Steel Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

**Published** 10/5/2018

**Reference** ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of forged steel fittings from the People's Republic of China (China). **Applicable October 5, 2018.**

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#### [Forged Steel Fittings From Italy: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

**Published** 10/5/2018

**Reference** ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of forged steel fittings from Italy are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). **Applicable October 5, 2018.**

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#### [Consensus Standards, Light-Sport Aircraft](#)

**Published** 10/3/2018

**Reference** ASTM

This notice announces the availability of two new and two revised consensus standards relating to the provisions of the Sport Pilot and Light-Sport Aircraft rule issued July 16, 2004, and effective September 1, 2004. ASTM International Committee F37 on Light-Sport Aircraft developed the new and revised standards with Federal Aviation Administration participation. By this notice, the Federal Aviation Administration finds the new and revised standards acceptable for certification of the specified aircraft under the provisions of the Sport Pilot and Light-Sport Aircraft rule.

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