

U.S. Federal Register Update: August 13 – August 17, 2018

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[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Office of Naval Research Arctic Research Activities](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. ONR's activities are considered military readiness activities pursuant to the MMPA, as amended by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (NDAA). **Comments and information must be received no later than September 13, 2018.**

[Lifejacket Approval Harmonization](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO, UL

The Coast Guard announces that it is harmonizing personal flotation device (PFD) standards between the United States and Canada by accepting a new standard for approval of PFDs. Specific elements of the new standard are contained in a policy letter and deregulatory savings analysis, on which we are requesting public comment, and are intended to promote the Coast Guard's maritime safety and stewardship missions. **Comments must be submitted to the online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov>, or reach the Docket Management Facility, on or before October 16, 2018.**

[Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From the Philippines: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM

In response to a request from Core Pipe Products, Inc., Shaw Alloy Piping Products, Inc., and Taylor Forge Stainless, Inc. (the petitioners), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (pipe fittings) from the Philippines. **Applicable August 14, 2018.**

[Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions of three regulatory guides (RGs), which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). This proposed action would allow nuclear power plant licensees, and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals and manufacturing licenses, to use the Code Cases listed in these draft RGs as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection (ISI), and inservice testing (IST) of nuclear power plant components. The NRC is requesting comments on this proposed rule and on the draft versions of the three RGs proposed to be incorporated by reference. The NRC is also making available a related draft RG that lists Code Cases that the NRC has not approved for use. This draft RG will not be incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations. **Submit comments on the proposed rule and related guidance by October 30, 2018. Submit comments specific to the information collections aspects of this rule by September 17, 2018. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only of comments received on or before this date.**

[Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstance Determination](#)

Published 8/16/2018

Reference ASME, ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of stainless steel flanges from India are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) during the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. **Applicable August 16, 2018.**

[Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances](#)

Published 8/16/2018

Reference ASME, ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of stainless steel flanges from India during the period of investigation January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. **Applicable August 16, 2018.**

[Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

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Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that SGS North America, Inc., has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of March 2, 2018. **The accreditation and approval of SGS North America, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on March 2, 2018. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for March 2021.**

[Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. \(Sulphur, LA\), as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

Published 8/15/2018

Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of May 10, 2017. **Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA) was accredited and approved, as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of May 10, 2017. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2020.**
