

U.S. Federal Register Update: May 25 – May 29, 2020

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[The National Strategy to Secure 5G Implementation Plan](#)

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In accordance with the Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2020, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), on behalf of the Executive Branch, is requesting comments to inform the development of an Implementation Plan for the National Strategy to Secure 5G. Comments must be received on or before **June 18, 2020**.

[Energy Conservation Program: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver to GD Midea Air Conditioning Equipment Co. LTD. From the Department of Energy Room Air Conditioner Test Procedure](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") gives notice of a Decision and Order (Case Number 2019-004) that grants to GD Midea Air Conditioning Equipment Co. LTD. ("Midea") a waiver from specified portions of the DOE test procedure for determining the energy efficiency of specified room air conditioner basic models. Under the Decision and Order, Midea is required to test and rate the specified basic models of its room air conditioners in accordance with the alternate test procedure specified in the Decision and Order. **The Decision and Order is effective on May 26, 2020. The Decision and Order will terminate upon the compliance date of any future amendment to the test procedure for room air conditioners located at title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), part 430, subpart B, appendix F that addresses the issues presented in this waiver. At that time, Midea must use the relevant test procedure for this product for any testing to demonstrate compliance with the applicable standards, and any representations of energy use.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Site Characterization Surveys Off the Coast of Massachusetts](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from Mayflower Wind Energy LLC (Mayflower) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to site characterization surveys off the coast of Massachusetts in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0521) and along a potential submarine cable route to landfall at Falmouth, Massachusetts. 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 is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. 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. **Comments and information must be received no later than June 26, 2020.**

[Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band](#)

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Reference ANSI, IEEE

In this document, the Commission adopts rules designed to optimize unlicensed access by authorizing two types of unlicensed operations in the 6 GHz band while also protecting incumbent services so that they continue to thrive in the band. The Commission is authorizing unlicensed standard-power access points that will operate under the control of an automated frequency coordination system in portions of the 6 GHz band. The Commission is also opening the entire 6 GHz band for unlicensed indoor low power access points. In addition, the Commission will permit unlicensed client devices to communicate with both the standard-power and low-power access points. These rules will provide opportunities for unlicensed operations to use up to 320-megahertz channels to expand capacity and increase performance. This forward-looking action anticipates the next generation of the unlicensed devices and advances the U.S.'s role as an innovator and global spectrum policy leader. **Effective July 27, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fittings From India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that forged steel fittings (FSF) from India are being sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable May 28, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fittings From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures](#)

Published 5/28/2020

Reference ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that forged steel fittings (FSF) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) are being sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable May 28, 2020.**

[Distribution of Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset to Affected Domestic Producers](#)

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Reference ASTM

Pursuant to the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000, this document is U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) notice of intent to distribute assessed antidumping or countervailing duties (known as the continued dumping and subsidy offset) for Fiscal Year 2020 in connection with countervailing duty orders, antidumping duty orders, or findings under the Antidumping Act of 1921. This document provides the instructions for affected domestic producers, or anyone alleging eligibility to receive a distribution, to file certifications to claim a distribution in relation to the listed orders or findings. **Certifications to obtain a continued dumping and subsidy offset under a particular order or finding must be received by July 27, 2020. Any certification received after July 27, 2020 will be summarily denied, making claimants ineligible for the distribution.**

[Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

Published 5/26/2020

Reference ASTM, SAE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from India. The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable May 26, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From the Federal Republic of Germany: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

Published 5/26/2020

Reference ASTM, SAE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from the Federal Republic of Germany (Germany) for the period of investigation (POI) January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable May 26, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

Published 5/26/2020

Reference ASTM, SAE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from the People's Republic of China (China). The

period of investigation is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable May 26, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From Italy: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

Published 5/26/2020

Reference ASTM, SAE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from Italy. The period of investigation is January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable May 26, 2020.**

[Accreditation and Approval of King Laboratories Inc. \(Tampa, FL\) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

Published 5/26/2020

Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that King Laboratories Inc. (Tampa, FL), 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 June 20, 2019. **King Laboratories Inc. (Tampa, FL) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of June 20, 2019. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for June 2022.**

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

Published 5/26/2020

Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc. (St. Croix, USVI), 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 February 12, 2020. **Intertek USA, Inc. (St. Croix, USVI) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of February 12, 2020. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for February 2023.**

[Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection](#)

Published 5/26/2020

Reference IEC, ISO

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection "Laboratory Approval Programs." **Comments on this notice must be received by July 27, 2020 to be assured of consideration.**

[Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Government Securities Division Rulebook Relating to the Legal Entity Identifier Requirement](#)

Published 5/27/2020

Reference ISO

On March 25, 2020, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, proposed rule change SR-FICC-2020-002. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on April 9, 2020. The Commission did not receive any comment letters on the proposed rule change. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Form NIST-366A: Request for Personal Radiation Monitoring Services](#)

Published 5/27/2020

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing

information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on March 6, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NIST MEP Client Impact Survey](#)

Published 5/27/2020

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. **To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 27, 2020.**

[Profile of Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is seeking information about public and private sector use of positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) services, and standards, practices, and technologies used to manage cybersecurity risks, to systems, networks, and assets dependent on PNT services. Executive Order 13905, Strengthening National Resilience Through Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services, was issued on February 12, 2020 and seeks to protect the national and economic security of the United States from disruptions to PNT services that are vital to the functioning of technology and infrastructure, including the electrical power grid, communications infrastructure and mobile devices, all modes of transportation, precision agriculture, weather forecasting, and emergency response.

Under Executive Order 13905, the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of the Sector Specific Agencies and in consultation, as appropriate, with the private sector, is directed to develop and make available, to at least the appropriate agencies and private sector users, PNT profiles. Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform NIST's development of a PNT profile, using the NIST Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (NIST Cybersecurity Framework), that will enable the public and private sectors to identify systems, networks, and assets dependent on PNT services; identify appropriate PNT services; detect the disruption and manipulation of PNT services; and manage the associated cybersecurity risks to the systems, networks, and assets dependent on PNT services. **Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on July 13, 2020. Written comments in response to the RFI should be submitted according to the instructions in the ADDRESSES and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections below. Submissions received after that date may not be considered.**

[Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. **The meeting will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.**

[Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request](#)

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Reference NIST

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below. **Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 28, 2020.**

[Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records](#)

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Reference NIST

Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, the Office of Mission Support (OMS) gives notice that it proposes to create a new system of records for the Personnel Security System (PSS) 2.0. OMS is replacing the current PSS (1.0), which is a module of the Office of Administrative Services Information System (OASIS, EPA-41), with a new stand-alone system, PSS 2.0, outside of the OASIS portal. All exemptions and provisions included in the SORN for PSS 1.0 under the OASIS portal will transfer to the new SORN for PSS 2.0. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by June 29, 2020. New routine uses for this new system of records will be effective June 29, 2020.**
