

U.S. Federal Register Update: November 28 – December 3, 2021

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[SGS North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Published 11/29/2021

Reference ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for SGS North America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the addition of one test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on November 29, 2021.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the NOAA Port Facility Project in Ketchikan, Alaska](#)

Published 12/1/2021

Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the NOAA Port Facility Project in Ketchikan, Alaska. 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 document. 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 notification of our decision. **Comments and information must be received no later than January 3, 2022.**

[Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods](#)

Published 12/3/2021

Reference ANSI, IEC, ISO, NIST

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is amending its regulations to establish a program for the testing of food in certain circumstances by accredited laboratories, as required under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act). Establishing this program will help FDA improve the safety of the U.S. food supply and protect U.S. consumers by helping ensure that certain food testing of importance to public health is conducted subject to appropriate oversight and in accordance with appropriate model standards to produce reliable and valid test results. **This rule is effective February 1, 2022. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 1, 2022.**

[Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2019](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of finished carbon steel flanges (steel flanges) from India during the period of review (POR), January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. **Applicable November 30, 2021.**

[Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review](#)

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Reference ASTM

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that the Department of Commerce (Commerce) conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea, Mexico, and the Republic of Turkey: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders](#)

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Reference ASTM

As a result of these expedited sunset reviews, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Korea (Korea), Mexico, and the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice. **Applicable November 30, 2021.**

[Establishment of the Industrial Advisory Committee and Call for Nominations](#)

Published 11/30/2021

Reference NIST

The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, announces the establishment of the Industrial Advisory Committee (the Committee) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, and the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Act). The Committee shall assess and provide guidance to the Secretary, through the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), on matters relating to microelectronics research, development, manufacturing, and policy. NIST invites and requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the Committee. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received. **Nominations for the Committee will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.**

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

Published 12/2/2021

Reference NIST

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC, Commission, or Agency) proposes to modify an existing system of records, FCC-2, Business Contacts and Certifications, subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the Federal Register notice of the existence and character of records maintained by the Agency. The Commission uses the information on individuals and businesses contained in the records in this system to collect and maintain points of contact at regulated entities and in related industries, and ensure compliance with FCC rules through certifications of information provided to the Commission. This modification expands the purpose of the system of records to include collecting and maintaining point of contact information for contractors, vendors, and those performing collateral duties for the FCC, and to ensure compliance with applicable federal laws, in addition to FCC rules. **This modified system of records will become effective on December 2, 2021. Written comments on the routine uses are due by January 3, 2022. The routine uses will become effective on January 3, 2022, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

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

Published 11/29/2021

Reference NIST

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proposes to establish SEC-34, Public Health and Safety Records under the Privacy Act of 1974. This system of records maintains information collected in response to a public health emergency. Information will be collected from SEC personnel (political appointees, employees, consultants, detailees, interns, and volunteers), contractors, visitors, job applicants, and others who access or seek to access SEC facilities or worksites to assist the SEC with maintaining a safe and healthy workplace and to protect its workforce from risks associated with communicable diseases. **The changes will become effective November 29, 2021, to permit public comment on the revised routine uses. The Commission will publish a new notice if the effective date is delayed to review comments or if changes are made based on comments received. To assure consideration, comments should be received on or before November 29, 2021.**

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

Published 12/1/2021

Reference NIST

In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is establishing a new departmentwide system of records, 09-90-2103, Accommodation Records About HHS Civilian Employees, Contractors and Visitors. **The new system of records is applicable December 1, 2021, subject to a 30-day period in which to comment on the routine uses.**
