

U.S. Federal Register Update: February 8 – February 12, 2021

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[Safety-Related Steel Structures and Steel-Plate Composite Walls for Other Than Reactor Vessels and Containments](#)

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Reference ANSI

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1304, "Safety-Related Steel Structures and Steel-Plate Composite Walls for other than Reactor Vessels and Containments." DG-1304 is a new guide that proposes guidance to meet regulatory requirements for safety-related steel structures and steel-plate composite walls for other than reactor vessels. DG-1304 endorses, with exceptions and clarifications, the 2018 edition of American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society (ANSI/AISC) N690, "Specification for Safety-Related Steel Structures for Nuclear Facilities." **Submit comments by March 29, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.**

[Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews](#)

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Reference ANSI

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating changed circumstances reviews (CCRs) of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain hardwood plywood products (hardwood plywood) from the People's Republic of China (China). **Applicable February 9, 2021.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Washington State Department of Transportation Purdy Bridge Rehabilitation Project, Pierce County, WA](#)

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Reference ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WADOT) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during construction activities associated with a Purdy Bridge Rehabilitation Project in Pierce County, WA. **This Authorization is effective from July 16, 2021 through February 15, 2022.**

[Energy Labeling Rule](#)

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Reference AHAM

The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") amends the Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule") to require EnergyGuide labels for portable air conditioners and issue amendments to central air conditioner labels to conform with Department of Energy ("DOE") changes to efficiency descriptors. **Amendatory instructions 1 (authority), 3 (for Sec. 305.2), 5 (for Sec. 305.3), 6 (for Sec. 305.7), 7 (for Sec. 305.10), 8 (for Sec. 305.11), 9 (for Sec. 305.13), 10 (for Sec. 305.18), 12 (for Sec. 305.27), 13 (for appendix E), and 14 (for appendix K2) are effective on October 1, 2022, and amendatory instructions 2 (for part 305), 4 (for Sec. 305.2), and 11 (for Sec. 305.20) are effective on January 1, 2023.**

[Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at

less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable February 10, 2021.**

[Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Ukraine: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures](#)

Published 2/10/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from Ukraine is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable February 10, 2021.**

[Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Russian Federation: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the Russian Federation (Russia) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable February 10, 2021.**

[Recent Postings of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods](#)

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Reference ASTM

This notice announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made under and in support of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020. This notice also announces the removal of a previously approved broadly applicable alternative test method.

[Treatment of Confidential Information by the Mechanical Licensing Collective and the Digital Licensee Coordinator](#)

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Reference IEC, ISO

The U.S. Copyright Office is issuing an interim rule regarding the protection of confidential information by the mechanical licensing collective and the digital licensee coordinator under title I of the Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act. After soliciting public comments through a notification of inquiry and a notice of proposed rulemaking, the Office is now issuing interim regulations identifying appropriate procedures to ensure that confidential, private, proprietary, or privileged information contained in the records of the mechanical licensing collective and the digital licensee coordinator is not improperly disclosed or used. **Effective March 15, 2021.**

[Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination \(Renewal\)](#)

Published 2/12/2021

Reference ISO

The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination" (EPA ICR No. 0559.14, OMB Control No. 2080-0005) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through June 20, 2021. An Agency may not conduct, or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. **Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2021.**

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

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Reference ISO

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) proposes to add a new electronic System of Records, EXIM CRM (Customer Relationship Management), subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This notice is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act which is to publish in the Federal Register a notice of the existence and character of records maintained by the agency. Included in this notice is the System of Records Notice (SORN) for EXIM CRM. **Comments must be received on or before March 15, 2021 to be assured of consideration.**

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for November 2020

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Reference ISO

EPA is required under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, to make information publicly available and to publish information in the Federal Register pertaining to submissions under TSCA Section 5, including notice of receipt of a Premanufacture notice (PMN), Significant New Use Notice (SNUN) or Microbial Commercial Activity Notice (MCAN), including an amended notice or test information; an exemption application (Biotech exemption); an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), both pending and/or concluded; a notice of commencement (NOC) of manufacture (including import) for new chemical substances; and a periodic status report on new chemical substances that are currently under EPA review or have recently concluded review. This document covers the period from 11/01/2020 to 11/30/2020. **Comments identified by the specific case number provided in this document must be received on or before March 11, 2021.**

System of Records

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Reference NIST

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) proposes to revise its system of personnel records under its privacy regulations, Privacy Procedures for Personnel Records. This system of records encompasses records collected, maintained, used and disseminated in the course of conducting GAO human capital management activities. Further, this notice is intended to notify individuals about personally identifiable information (PII) maintained in this system of records and the manner in which that information is maintained and protected. **Comments may be submitted on or before March 10, 2021. Unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination, this revised system of records will become effective thereafter.**
