

## U.S. Federal Register Update: February 15 – February 19, 2021

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### Hazard Communication Standard

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**Reference** ANSI, ASHRAE, ASSE, ASTM, IEC, ISO, NFPA, SAE

OSHA is proposing through this notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform to the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) Revision 7 (GHS, Rev. 7), to address issues that arose during the implementation of the 2012 update to the HCS, and provide better alignment with other U.S. agencies and international trading partners, without lowering overall protections of the standard. OSHA has preliminarily determined that the proposed revisions to the HCS will reduce costs and burdens while also improving the quality and consistency of information provided to employers and employees regarding chemical hazards and associated protective measures. Consistent with the Executive order entitled "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review" (January 18, 2011) and section 3(a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which call for assessment and, where appropriate, modification and improvement of existing rules to minimize any significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities, OSHA has reviewed the existing HCS. The agency has preliminarily determined that the proposed revisions will enhance the effectiveness of the HCS by ensuring employees are appropriately apprised of the chemical hazards to which they may be exposed, thus reducing the incidence of chemical-related occupational illnesses and injuries. The proposed modifications to the standard include revised criteria for classification of certain health and physical hazards, revised provisions for updating labels, new labeling provisions for small containers, technical amendments related to the contents of safety data sheets (SDSs), and related revisions to definitions of terms used in the standard. **Comments on this NPRM (including requests for hearing) and other information must be submitted by April 19, 2021.**

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### Agency Information Collection Extension

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**Reference** AHAM, NIST

The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Certification Reports, Compliance Statements, Application for a Test Procedure Waiver, and Recordkeeping for Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment subject to Energy or Water Conservation Standards. **Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before March 19, 2021. 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, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.**

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### Standard Steel Welded Wire Mesh From Mexico: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of standard steel welded wire mesh (wire mesh) from Mexico. **Applicable February 18, 2021.**

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### Environmental Qualification of Certain Electrical Equipment Important to Safety for Nuclear Power Plants

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**Reference** IEC, IEEE

On December 17, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) solicited comments on draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1361, "Environmental Qualification of Certain Electrical Equipment Important to Safety for Nuclear Power Plants." The public comment period closed on February 16, 2021. The NRC has decided to reopen the public comment period for an additional 60 days to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments. **The comment period for the document published on December 17, 2020 (85 FR 81958) has been reopened. Comments should be filed no later than April 19, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission 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.

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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**Reference** NIST

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. **Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by March 22, 2021.**

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#### Secure Tests

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**Reference** NIST

The U.S. Copyright Office is issuing an interim rule amending its regulations governing the registration of copyright claims in secure tests and secure test items in order to address a temporary disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The interim rule allows for examination of these claims via secure videoconference during the national emergency. **Effective February 19, 2021.**

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