

U.S. Federal Register Update: March 22 – March 26, 2021

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[TUV SUD America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for TUV SUD America, Inc. (TUVAM) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on March 24, 2021.**

[Monthly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations](#)

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Reference ANSI

Pursuant to section 189.a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular monthly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC), notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person. This monthly notice includes all amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from February 5, 2021, to March 4, 2021. The last monthly notice was published on February 23, 2021. **Comments must be filed by April 22, 2021. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by May 24, 2021.**

[Protection of the Stratospheric Ozone: Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning System Servicing](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, NIST, SAE, UL

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adopting three technical standards developed by SAE International (SAE) for equipment that recovers, recycles, and/or recharges the refrigerant 2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoroprop-1-ene (HFO-1234yf or R-1234yf) in motor vehicle air conditioners (MVACs). The three standards are SAE J2843, SAE J2851, and SAE J3030. This rule adopts the most current versions of these standards by incorporating them by reference into the regulations under Title VI of the Clean Air Act (CAA). This will provide additional flexibility for industry stakeholders that wish to select recovery and recycling equipment certified to these standards. **This final rule is effective on April 23, 2021, 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of April 23, 2021.**

[American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2019-2020 Code Editions](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the 2019 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and the 2020 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, Division 1: OM Code: Section IST, for nuclear power plants. The NRC is also proposing to incorporate by reference the 2011 Addenda to ASME NQA-1-2008, Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications (ASME NQA-1b-2011), and the 2012 and 2015 Editions of ASME NQA-1, Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications. This action is in accordance with the NRC's policy to periodically update the regulations to incorporate by reference new editions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Codes and is intended to maintain the safety of nuclear power plants and to make NRC activities more effective and efficient. **Submit comments by May 25, 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.**

[Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Fisheries Research](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS's Office of Protected Resources (OPR) has received a request from NMFS's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) for a Letter of Authorization (LOA) to take marine mammals incidental to fisheries research conducted in multiple specified geographical regions, over the course of five years from the date of issuance. As required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is proposing regulations to govern that take, and requests comments on the proposed regulations. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorization and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. **Comments and information must be received no later than April 21, 2021.**

[Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

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Reference ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that non-refillable steel cylinders (non-refillable cylinders) from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. **Applicable March 22, 2021.**

[Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

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Reference ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain non-refillable steel cylinders (non-refillable cylinders) from the People's Republic of China (China).

Applicable March 22, 2021.

[Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes](#)

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Reference NEMA, SAE

The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 777 airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by significant changes, including new or more restrictive requirements, made to the airworthiness limitations (AWLs) and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs) related to fuel tank ignition prevention, the engine fuel suction feed system, and the nitrogen generation system. This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. **The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by May 10, 2021.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Products; Early Assessment Review; Boilers](#)

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Reference NFPA

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is undertaking an early assessment review for consumer boilers to determine whether to amend the applicable energy conservation standards for this product. Specifically, through this request for information (RFI), DOE seeks data and information to evaluate whether amended energy conservation standards would result in significant savings of energy, be technologically feasible, and be economically justified. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including those topics not specifically raised in this RFI), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information concerning this early assessment review. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before April 26, 2021.**

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

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Reference NIST

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission or Agency) proposes to add a new system of records, FCC/WCB-4, Consumer Challenge Process, to its inventory of records systems 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 FCC maintains programs that require telecommunication providers and carriers (Participants) to report service coverage or locations eligible for support to the FCC, such as the FCC's Digital Opportunity Data Collection (DODC) and the Universal Service Fund (USF) Eligible Location Adjustment Process (ELAP). Under these programs, consumers and third parties (collectively, Stakeholders) may challenge the service coverage or number of locations eligible for support (eligible locations) reported by Participants. The Consumer Challenge Process system of records contains personally identifiable information (PII) submitted by individuals, or third parties on behalf of individuals, needed to establish eligibility to challenge the accuracy of Participants' submissions, provide sufficient information for Participants to respond to a challenge, and create accurate maps of Participant coverage or eligible locations. To establish eligibility, prospective Stakeholders who are individuals must submit certain PII that will be used to verify their identities and their interest in receiving services from a Participant in the relevant geographic area, i.e., the coverage area for DODC, or the Participant's supported areas for ELAP. In certain programs, the PII will also be used to establish that the Stakeholders do not hold a controlling interest in a competitor. Once verified, Stakeholders may submit additional PII to establish that specific geolocations are eligible locations, such as evidence verifying ownership or occupancy of a location. Participation in any Consumer Challenge Process is voluntary. **This system of records will become effective on March 23, 2021. Written comments on the routine uses are due by April 22, 2021. The routine uses will become effective on April 22, 2021, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

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