

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 5 – April 9, 2021

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[Data Collection for Analytics and Surveillance and Market-Based Rate Purposes](#)

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Reference ANSI

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to collect additional data from certain market-based rate (MBR) sellers with ultimate upstream affiliates that have been granted blanket authorization. The Commission proposes revisions to the data dictionary that accompanies the relational database established in Order No. 860 to include new requirements for those MBR sellers to report connections to an entity whose securities were acquired pursuant to the blanket authorization. In addition, the Commission plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for this collection of information. **Comments are due June 7, 2021.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Notification of Petition for Waiver of GD Midea Air Conditioning Equipment Co. LTD From the Department of Energy Portable Air Conditioner Test Procedure and Notification of Grant of Interim Waiver](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, ASHRAE

This notification announces receipt of and publishes a petition for waiver and interim waiver from GD Midea Air Conditioning Equipment Co. LTD ("Midea"), which seeks a waiver for specified portable air conditioner basic models from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") test procedure used for determining the efficiency of portable air conditioners. DOE also gives notice of an Interim Waiver Order that requires Midea to test and rate the specified portable air conditioner basic models in accordance with the alternate test procedure set forth in the Interim Waiver Order. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning Midea's petition and its suggested alternate test procedure to inform DOE's final decision on Midea's waiver request. **The Interim Waiver Order is effective on April 6, 2021. Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before May 6, 2021.**

[Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Consideration of Revocation of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders in Part](#)

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Reference ANSI

On October 15, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a request for revocation, in part, 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) with respect to certain finished laminated veneer lumber (LVL) door stiles and rails. We preliminarily determine to revoke, in part, the Orders with respect to these products. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. **Applicable April 6, 2021.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Dry Dock 1 Modification and Expansion](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy (Navy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Dry Dock 1 modification and expansion in Kittery, Maine. 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-time, 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 May 10, 2021.

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys Off of New Jersey](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from Ocean Wind, LLC (Ocean Wind) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys off of New Jersey in the area of Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Lease Area OCS-A 0498 and potential export cable routes to landfall locations in New Jersey. 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 May 6, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Ukraine: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Ukraine is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Tunisia: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Tunisia is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) during the period of investigation (POI), April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020. The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Indonesia: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, In Part](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Indonesia is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From South Africa: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from South Africa is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Italy: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Italy is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Malaysia: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Malaysia is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Spain: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances](#)

Published 4/9/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Spain is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). **Applicable April 9, 2021.**

[Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993-The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.](#)

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Reference IEEE

Notice is hereby given that, on February 24, 2021, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. ("IEEE") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, 25 new standards have been initiated and 10 existing standards are being revised. More detail regarding these changes can be found at: <https://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/sba/feb2021.html>.

[Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for New Special Permits](#)

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Reference ISO

In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft. **Comments must be received on or before May 7, 2021.**

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

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Human Resources is giving notice that it proposes to create a new system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. The Talent Enterprise Diagnostic (TED) system is being created to establish a new tool within Sharepoint, the Agency's existing Microsoft O365 web-based document management and storage system. TED provides for the collection of information to track, update, and assess the skills of positions throughout EPA along with the corresponding skills of incumbents in those positions. TED supports the Agency's efforts to: (1) Develop policies and programs that are based on comprehensive workforce planning and analysis; and (2) meet requirements under 5 CFR 250, such as monitoring and addressing government-wide and Agency-specific skill gaps in mission-critical occupations. The system information will be accessed and used by EPA's supervisors, designated human resources specialists and analysts, managers within each office and region, Agency-wide senior leaders, and the Agency's training branch. TED provides for the collection of information to track, update, and assess the skills of positions throughout EPA along with the corresponding skills of incumbents in those positions. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by May 7, 2021. New routine uses for this new system of records will be effective May 7, 2021.**

[Alternative Method for Calculating Off-Cycle Credits Under the Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Program: Application From Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV \(FCA\)](#)

Published 4/5/2021

Reference SAE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting comment on an application from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV (FCA) for off-cycle carbon dioxide (CO₂) credits under EPA's light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards. "Off-cycle" emission reductions can be achieved by employing technologies that result in real-world benefits, but where that benefit is not adequately captured on the test procedures used by manufacturers to demonstrate compliance with emission standards. EPA's light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas program acknowledges these benefits by giving automobile manufacturers several options for generating "off-cycle" CO₂ credits. Under the regulations, a manufacturer may apply for CO₂ credits for off-cycle technologies that result in off-cycle benefits. In these cases, a manufacturer must provide EPA with a proposed methodology for determining the real-world off-cycle benefit. FCA has submitted an application that describes a methodology for determining off-cycle credits from technologies described in their application. Pursuant to applicable regulations, EPA is making this off-cycle credit calculation methodology available for public comment. **Comments must be received on or before May 5, 2021.**

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

Published 4/7/2021

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of SGS North America, Inc., for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add five test standards to the NRTL Program's list of appropriate test standards. **Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before April 22, 2021.**
