

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 19 – April 23, 2021

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[Preliminary Analysis Regarding Energy Efficiency Improvements in ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2019](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing the availability of a Preliminary Energy Savings Analysis of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2019 (Preliminary Analysis). DOE welcomes written comments from interested parties on any subject within the scope of this Preliminary Analysis. **DOE will accept written comments and information on the Preliminary Analysis no later than May 21, 2021.**

[Update to Electrical Engineering Regulations](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM, CSA, IEC, IEEE, ISO, NEMA, NFPA, UL

The Coast Guard proposes to update electrical engineering standards that are incorporated by reference and add acceptable alternative standards. This proposed rule would also eliminate several outdated or unnecessarily prescriptive electrical engineering regulations. This proposed regulatory action would be consistent with the standards currently used by industry and support the Coast Guard's maritime safety mission. **Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 21, 2021.**

[MET Laboratories, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory \(NRTL\) Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Published 4/22/2021

Reference ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for MET Laboratories, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the final decision to add two new test standards to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 22, 2021.**

[Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition of Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, Inc. (BVCPS) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 22, 2021.**

[Enforcement Discretion Regarding Carriage of Approved Fire Detection Systems](#)

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Reference ANSI, IEC, UL

The Coast Guard announces that it will exercise its authority to suspend and grant exemptions from certain equipment carriage regulations during a period when compliance appears to be impossible. Specifically, the Coast Guard believes that between July 22, 2021, and July 22, 2022, there may be no approved fire detection systems available for purchase for certain vessels that need to install or replace those systems. For enforcement purposes, existing approved fire detection systems that were approved on July 21, 2021, will be treated as approved until July 22, 2022. **The enforcement discretion described will be exercised between July 22, 2021, and July 22, 2022.**

[Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Official Purposes: Mobile Driver's Licenses](#)

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Reference IEC, ISO, NIST

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is issuing this request for information (RFI) to inform an upcoming rulemaking that would address security standards and requirements for the issuance of mobile or digital driver's licenses to enable Federal agencies to accept these credentials for official purposes as defined in the REAL ID Act and regulation. **Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 18, 2021.**

[Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance](#)

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Reference ISO

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC), has determined that certain model year (MY) 2020-2012;2021 Kawasaki ZR900F and ZR700K motorcycles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 123, Motorcycle Controls and Displays. KMC filed a noncompliance report dated November 16, 2020. KMC simultaneously petitioned NHTSA on November 16, 2020, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces receipt of KMC's petition. **Send comments on or before May 24, 2021.**

[2021/2022 Rates Charged for AMS Services](#)

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Reference ISO

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing the 2021/2022 rates it will charge for voluntary grading, inspection, certification, auditing, and laboratory services for a variety of agricultural commodities including meat and poultry, fruits and vegetables, eggs, dairy products, rice, and cotton and tobacco. The 2021/2022 regular, overtime, holiday, and laboratory services rates will be applied at the beginning of the crop year, fiscal year or as required by law depending on the commodity. Other starting dates are added to this notice based on cotton industry practices. This action establishes the rates for user-funded programs based on costs incurred by AMS. This year, nearly two-thirds of AMS user fee rates will remain unchanged from the previous year and a few will decrease, but increases are necessary to many fees to cover costs.

[Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; Fire Prevention and Safety Grants](#)

Published 4/20/2021

Reference NFPA

This Notice provides guidelines that describe the application process for Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program grants and the criteria the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will use to award these grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. It explains the differences, if any, between these guidelines and those recommended by representatives of the Nation's fire service leadership during the annual Criteria Development meeting, which was held December 11, 2019. The application period for the FY 2020 FP&S Grant Program was January 25, 2021, through February 26, 2021, and was announced on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFGP) website at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>, www.grants.gov, and the U.S. Fire Administration website at www.usfa.fema.gov. **Grant applications for the FP&S Grant Program were accepted electronically at <https://go.fema.gov> from January 25, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. ET through February 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Safety and Health Information Collection](#)

Published 4/19/2021

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. **To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 18, 2021.**

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

Published 4/23/2021

Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Mission Support is giving notice that it proposes to publish a modified system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. FOIAonline, EPA's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request and Appeal File system of records is being modified to include all information and data elements that are being collected by the EPA and participating agencies as it relates to FOIA requests, appeals consultations and referrals.

The purpose of this modification is to provide notice that; the FOIA Request and Appeal File system has been upgraded and deployed to a cloud hosted Amazon Web Services environment; the FOIA Request and Appeal File system of records is being modified to add additional routine uses and to change its name to FOIAonline. to change its name to FOIAonline. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by May 24, 2021. New routine uses for this new system of records will be effective May 24, 2021.**

[SES Positions That Were Career Reserved During CY 2020](#)

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Reference NIST

This gives notice of all positions in the Senior Executive Service (SES) that were career reserved during calendar year 2020.

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Approval of a New Information Collection Request](#)

Published 4/23/2021

Reference SAE

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Trucking Fleet Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for Managing Mixed Fleets. It is a survey study that will assess the self-reports of approximately 2,000 survey respondents, including commercial motor vehicle (CMV) fleet managers, CMV sales personnel, State and Federal government personnel, industry engineers, researchers, and CMV drivers. The questionnaire is designed to collect baseline opinions of automated driving systems (ADS) before and after hands-on demonstrations with ADS technologies. **Please send your comments by May 24, 2021. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.**

[BMW of North America, LLC, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance](#)

Published 4/23/2021

Reference SAE

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW), a subsidiary of BMW AG, Munich, Germany, has determined that certain (MY) 2019-2012; BMW and 2020-2021 Toyota motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 104, Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems. BMW filed a noncompliance report dated September 11, 2020. BMW subsequently petitioned NHTSA on October 9, 2020, and submitted a supplement to the petition on February 23, 2021, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces receipt of BMW's petition. **Send comments on or before May 24, 2021.**

[MET Laboratories, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

Published 4/22/2021

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of the recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. **Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before May 7, 2021.**
