

U.S. Federal Register Update: May 31 – June 4, 2021

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for General Service Fluorescent Lamps, Incandescent Reflector Lamps, and General Service Incandescent Lamps](#)

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Reference ANSI, IEC, NEMA, NIST

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for general service fluorescent lamps ("GSFLs"), incandescent reflector lamps ("IRLs"), and general service incandescent lamps ("GSILs") to update to the latest versions of the referenced industry test standards and provide cites to specific sections of these standards; to clarify definitions, test conditions and methods, and measurement procedures; to clarify test frequency and inclusion of cathode power in measurements for GSFLs; to provide a test method for measuring color rendering index ("CRI") of GSILs and IRLs and for measuring lifetime of IRLs; to allow manufacturers to make voluntary (optional) representations of GSFLs at high frequency settings; to revise the sampling requirements; and to align sampling and certification requirements with proposed test procedure terminology and with the Federal Trade Commission's labeling program. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposal. **DOE will hold a webinar on Thursday, June 24, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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

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Reference ANSI

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is revoking, in part, 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. **Applicable June 2, 2021.**

[Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities](#)

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Reference ANSI

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is revising its regulations to incorporate by reference the latest version (Version 003.3) of the Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities adopted by the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB). The WEQ Version 003.3 Standards include, in their entirety, the WEQ-023 Modeling Business Practice Standards contained in the WEQ Version 003.1 Standards, which address the technical issues affecting Available Transfer Capability (ATC) and Available Flowgate Capability (AFC) calculation for wholesale electric transmission services, with the addition of certain revisions and corrections. The Commission also revises its regulations to provide that transmission providers must avoid unduly discriminatory and preferential treatment in the calculation of ATC. **This rule is effective August 2, 2021.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Geophysical Survey of the Queen Charlotte Fault](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University (L-DEO) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey of the Queen Charlotte Fault in the Northeast Pacific Ocean. The proposed survey would be funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). 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 July 6, 2021.**

[Procedures for the Issuance of Guidance Documents](#)

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Reference AHAM, NEMA

In accordance with an Executive Order issued by the President on January 20, 2021, and for the reasons explained in the preamble of this final rule, the Department of Energy (DOE or “the Department”) withdraws the Department's final rule on guidance implementing the Executive Order “Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents.” **As of June 4, 2021, the final rule published January 6, 2021 at 86 FR 451, effective February 5, 2021, delayed February 2, 2021, until March 21, 2021, at 86 FR 7799, and delayed March 19, 2021, until June 17, 2021, at 86 FR 14807, is withdrawn.**

[Energy Labeling Rule](#)

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Reference AHAM

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) proposes updates to comparability ranges and sample labels for central air conditioners in the Energy Labeling Rule (“Rule”). **Comments must be received on or before August 2, 2021.**

[Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order](#)

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Reference ASTM

As a result of this sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Sunset Review” section of this notice. **Applicable June 3, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, and Ukraine: Antidumping Duty Orders](#)

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Reference ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing antidumping duty orders on prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, and Ukraine. **Applicable June 4, 2021.**

[Software Bill of Materials Elements and Considerations](#)

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Reference IEC, ISO

The Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity directs the Department of Commerce, in coordination with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to publish the minimum elements for a Software Bill of Materials (SBOM). Through this Notice, following from the Executive Order, NTIA is requesting comments on the minimum elements for an SBOM, and what other factors should be considered in the request, production, distribution, and consumption of SBOMs. **Comments are due on or before June 17, 2021.**

[International Standard-Setting Activities](#)

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Reference ISO

This notice informs the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), in accordance with the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. This notice also provides a list of other standard-setting activities of Codex, including commodity standards, guidelines, codes of practice, and revised texts. This notice, which covers Codex activities during the time periods from June 21, 2020 to May 31, 2021 and June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022, seeks comments on standards under consideration and recommendations for new standards.

[Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#)

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Reference NIST

The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) will meet on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review the role and responsibilities of the Judges Panel and information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in order to ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) selection process. The agenda will include: Judges Panel roles and processes; Baldrige Program updates; new business/public comment; lessons learned from the 2020 judging process; and the 2021 Award process. A portion of this meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed. **The Judges Panel will meet on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The portion of the meeting that is closed to the public will take place on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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Reference NIST

The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) will meet in closed session on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of examiners' scoring of written applications. Panel members will vote on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality improvements claimed by applicants. The meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed. **The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. The entire meeting will be closed to the public.**

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA or Agency), Office of Mission Support (OMS) is giving notice that it proposes to modify a system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. The Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) is being modified to update and modernize the grants management suite. These updates include amending the name to Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS)/Next Generation Grants System (NGGS) and informing the public that the grants management module originally in IGMS Lotus Notes is now in NGGS, which is a modern platform employing Java/Oracle technologies. IGMS and NGGS are computer systems that the Agency uses to process grant applications and issue grants to recipients. The Agency will also use IGMS (without NGGS) to process interagency agreements, which are assistance agreements between Federal agencies. This System of Records Notice (SORN) modification updates all SORN sections. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by July 6, 2021. New routine uses for this modified system of records will be effective July 6, 2021.**
