

## U.S. Federal Register Update: August 2 – August 6, 2021

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### [Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification for Ceiling Fan Light Kits, General Service Incandescent Lamps, Incandescent Reflector Lamps, Ceiling Fans, Consumer Furnaces and Boilers, Consumer Water Heaters, Dishwashers, Commercial Clothes Washers, Battery Chargers, and Dedicated-Purpose Pool Pumps](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, IEC

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") proposes to amend the certification provisions for ceiling fan light kits ("CFLKs"), general service incandescent lamps ("GSLs"), incandescent reflector lamps ("IRLs"), ceiling fans, consumer furnaces and boilers, consumer water heaters, dishwashers, commercial clothes washers ("CCWs"), battery chargers, and dedicated-purpose pool pumps ("DPPPs"). DOE is proposing amendments to the certification and reporting provisions for these products and equipment to ensure reporting that is consistent with currently applicable energy conservation standards and to ensure DOE has the information necessary to determine the appropriate classification of products for the application of standards. DOE seeks comment from interested parties on all aspects of this proposal. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this proposal no later than October 5, 2021.**

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### [Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specific Activities; Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving and Removal Activities During the Metlakatla Seaplane Facility Refurbishment Project, Metlakatla, Alaska](#)

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Reference ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during pile driving/removal and down-the-hole drilling (DTH) activities for maintenance improvements to the existing Metlakatla Seaplane Facility (MSF) in Southeast Alaska. **This Authorization is effective for one year from issuance.**

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### [Standard Reference Test Tire](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM, SAE

This document proposes amendments to several Federal motor vehicle safety standards and consumer information regulations to update the standard reference test tire (SRTT) used therein. The SRTT is used in those standards and regulations as a baseline tire to rate tire treadwear, define snow tires based on traction performance, and evaluate pavement surface friction. This proposed rule is necessary because the only manufacturer of the currently referenced SRTT ceased production of the tire. Referencing a new SRTT ensures the availability of a test tire for testing purposes. **Submit comments on or before September 7, 2021.**

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### [Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Microwave Ovens](#)

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Reference AHAM, IEC

On November 14, 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") for the test procedure for microwave ovens. Following receipt of comments, DOE is publishing this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking ("SNOPR") for the limited purpose of clarifying the current procedure for testing a microwave oven that has a connected (i.e., network) function, which is generally to disable the connected function when measuring standby mode power consumption. Further, DOE proposes to explicitly specify in its test procedure that standby power be measured with the connected function enabled if the means for disabling the network function are not provided in the manufacturer's user manual. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposal. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this proposal no later than September 2, 2021. See section V, "Public Participation," for details.**

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[Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments; 2019-2020](#)

**Published** 8/3/2021

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) continues to find that Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. and Tianjin Magnesium Metal, Co., Ltd. (collectively TMI/TMM) had no shipments of subject merchandise covered by the antidumping duty order on pure magnesium from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR) May 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020. **Applicable August 3, 2021.**

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[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Mexico: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018-2019](#)

**Published** 8/2/2021

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that the producers/exporters subject to this administrative review did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019. **Applicable August 2, 2021.**

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[Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Critical Habitat for the Southern Resident Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment](#)

**Published** 8/2/2021

**Reference** IEC

We, NMFS, issue a final rule to revise the critical habitat designation for the Southern Resident killer whale (*Orcinus orca*) distinct population segment (DPS) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by designating six additional coastal critical habitat areas along the U.S. West Coast. Specific newly designated areas along the U.S. West Coast include 15,910 square miles (mi<sup>2</sup>) (41,207 square kilometers (km<sup>2</sup>)) of marine waters between the 20-foot (ft) (6.1-meter (m)) depth contour and the 656.2-ft (200-m) depth contour from the U.S. international border with Canada south to Point Sur, California. We have excluded one area, the Quinault Range Site (including a 10-km buffer around a portion of the site), comprising 1,400.4 mi<sup>2</sup> (3627 km<sup>2</sup>), from the critical habitat designation because we have determined that the benefits of exclusion outweigh the benefits of inclusion, and exclusion will not result in extinction of the species. **This rule is effective September 1, 2021.**

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[Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards: Technical Amendments](#)

**Published** 8/4/2021

**Reference** NFPA

This final rule makes non-substantive technical, organizational, and conforming amendments to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards. **This final rule is effective August 4, 2021.**

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[Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request](#)

**Published** 8/2/2021

**Reference** NIST

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On May 17, 2021, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR. **Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 1, 2021.**

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

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**Reference** NIST

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC, Commission, or Agency) proposes to add a new system of records, IB-1, International Bureau Filing System, 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 Commission uses the information in this system to regulate and process applications for authorizations and licenses, as well as to enforce FCC regulations and the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. **This system of records will become effective on August 6, 2021. Written comments on the routine uses are due by September**

**7, 2021. The routine uses will become effective on September 7, 2021, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

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

**Published 8/3/2021**

**Reference NIST**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission or Agency) has modified an existing system of records, FCC/PSHSB-1, FCC Emergency and Continuity Alerts and Contacts System (ECACS), 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's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) uses the information in ECACS to prepare for and coordinate crisis response activities wherever they occur in the United States and its territories. The FCC is modifying FCC/PSHSB-1 to add information it will use to alert the designated emergency contacts of Commission staff of an emergency involving the FCC or a staff member. **This action will become effective on August 3, 2021. Written comments on the system's routine uses are due by September 2, 2021. The routine uses in this action will become effective on September 2, 2021 unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

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#### [Opportunity To Enter Into a Joint Venture Partnership With the National Technical Information Service for Data Innovation Support](#)

**Published 8/4/2021**

**Reference NIST**

The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) requests proposals from interested private-sector organizations to assist Federal agencies in the development and implementation of innovative ways to collect, connect, access, secure, analyze, disseminate and enable effective and efficient use of data to address unique and complex national data priorities. Specifically, NTIS is interested in partnering with organizations that have specialized skills and capabilities in applied data science areas, such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics, and cybersecurity, to assist the Federal government in leveraging data as a strategic asset to achieve Federal agency mission outcomes. Organizations that are selected in accordance with the evaluation criteria and selection process set forth in this notice will be invited to enter into a joint venture partnership agreement with NTIS to be eligible to compete for Federal data service opportunities identified by NTIS in cooperation with other Federal agencies. In accordance with the President's Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, E.O. 13985 of Jan 20, 2021, NTIS encourages all individuals and organizations to apply who meet the listed qualifications and requirements in this notice, including those who come from underserved communities, such as Black, Latino, Indigenous and Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality and the organizations that support these individuals and groups. **Proposals will be received and evaluated on an ongoing basis. Proposals will not be accepted after August 24, 2024. This Notice replaces the notice published on December 13, 2019, 84 FR 68147. Applicants that have already submitted proposals under the 2019 notice do not need to resubmit under this notice.**

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