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**Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Consumer Warm Air Furnaces; Final Denial of Petition for Rulemaking**

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**Reference** ASHRAE, NEMA

This document announces and provides the reasoning for the U.S. Department of Energy’s final denial of a petition filed by the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute requesting that DOE initiate a notice-and-comment rulemaking to develop a new combined test procedure for consumer furnaces and furnace fans, which would replace the two currently required performance metrics for furnaces and the one performance metric for furnace fans with a single new metric called “AFUE2.” **This final denial of petition for rulemaking is applicable September 21, 2021.**

**Air Plan Approval; AK, Fairbanks North Star Borough; 2006 24-Hour PM2.5**

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**Reference** ASTM, ISO

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving parts of state implementation plan (SIP) submissions, submitted by the State of Alaska (Alaska or the State) to address Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) requirements for the 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM2.5) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in the Fairbanks North Star Borough PM2.5 nonattainment area (Fairbanks PM2.5 Nonattainment Area). The EPA is also approving rule revisions and an associated air quality control plan chapter submitted by Alaska into the federally-approved SIP. Alaska made these submissions on October 25, 2018, November 28, 2018, December 13, 2019, (Fairbanks Serious Plan) and December 15, 2020. **This action is effective on October 25, 2021.**

**Certain Aluminum Foil From the Russian Federation: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value**

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**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain aluminum foil from the Russian Federation (Russia) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. **Applicable September 23, 2021.**

**Certain Aluminum Foil From the Sultanate of Oman: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value**

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**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) are being, or are likely to be, sold at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is July 1 2019, through June 30, 2020. **Applicable September 23, 2021.**

**Certain Aluminum Foil From the Sultanate of Oman: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination**

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**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) during the period of investigation, January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. **Applicable September 23, 2021.**

**Certain Aluminum Foil From the Republic of Armenia: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value**

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**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Republic of Armenia (Armenia) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation, January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020. **Applicable September 23, 2021.**
Certain Aluminum Foil From the Republic of Turkey: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value
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Reference ASTM
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) during the period of investigation, July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Applicable September 23, 2021.

Certain Aluminum Foil From the Republic of Turkey: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination
Published 9/23/2021
Reference ASTM
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) during the period of investigation, January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. Applicable September 23, 2021.

Certain Aluminum Foil From Brazil: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value
Published 9/23/2021
Reference ASTM
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from Brazil are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Applicable September 23, 2021.

Final Administrative Orders for Over-the-Counter Monographs; Availability
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Reference ISO
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability on its website of certain final administrative orders (final orders), including for over-the-counter (OTC) drug monographs, that were deemed to be final orders by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which added a new section to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act). FDA is also announcing the process for making these final orders available. Finally, FDA is announcing its plan for withdrawing regulations that established final OTC drug monographs prior to the passage of the CARES act, and withdrawing or making technical changes to the procedures governing the OTC drug review. The announcement of the availability on FDA's website of certain final orders as deemed by section 505G of the FD&C Act and other actions related to section 505G is published in the Federal Register on September 21, 2021.

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Institute for Standards and Technology NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Information Management System (IMS) and Summer School Application
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Reference NIST
The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on June 14, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Ratification of Security Directive
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Reference NIST
DHS is publishing official notice that the Transportation Security Oversight Board (TSOB) has ratified Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security Directive Pipeline-2021-02, which is applicable to certain owners and operators of critical pipeline systems and facilities (Owner/Operators) and requires implementation of an array of cybersecurity measures to prevent disruption and degradation to their infrastructure. The ratification was executed on August 17, 2021, and took effect on that date.