

U.S. Federal Register Update: February 13 – February 17, 2023

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[ANSI/NIST-ITL Standards Update Workshop: Data Format for the Interchange of Fingerprint, Facial & Other Biometric Information](#)

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Reference ANSI, NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is hosting a public workshop to inform an update of the ANSI/NIST-ITL standard, "Data Format for the Interchange of Fingerprint, Facial & Other Biometric Information." This event will be completely virtual and occur February 21-23, 2023, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit recommendations to identify and pursue updates needed to the above-referenced standard. The workshop will take place **February 21-23, 2023** from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Subject Matter Expert (SME) working group meetings will occur on **February 22-23, 2023**.

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners ("PTACs") and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps ("PTHPs"). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically review standards. In this final determination, DOE has determined that it lacks clear and convincing evidence that more-stringent standards for PTACs and PTHPs would be economically justified. As such, DOE has determined that energy conservation standards for PTACs and PTHPs do not need to be amended. The effective date of this determination is **March 15, 2023**.

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Whittier Head of the Bay Cruise Dock Project in Whittier, Alaska](#)

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Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from Turnagain Marine Construction (TMC) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the cruise dock construction project in Whittier, Alaska. 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, 1-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 authorization and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. Comments and information must be received no later than **March 15, 2023**.

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Fluorescent Lamps](#)

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Reference ANSI, NEMA

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including general service fluorescent lamps (GSFLs). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically determine whether more-stringent, amended standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this final determination, DOE has determined that energy conservation standards for GSFLs do not need to be amended. The effective date of this final determination is **March 15, 2023**.

[Information Disclosure Under Section 6\(b\) of the Consumer Product Safety Act](#)

Published 2/17/2023

Reference AHAM

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) is issuing this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (Supplemental NPR) to update its regulation interpreting section 6(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (6(b) Regulation). On February 26, 2014, the Commission issued a notice of proposed rulemaking in this matter (2014 NPR). The 2014 NPR proposed to modernize the 6(b) Regulation to account for the significant improvements in information technology that have occurred since the regulation's initial adoption in 1983, and streamline the 6(b) Regulation to align more closely with the text of section 6(b), including with respect to protecting information filed by manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in accordance with the requirements of section 15(b) of the CPSA. This Supplemental NPR responds to public comments on the 2014 NPR and proposes additional changes to the 6(b) Regulation to further modernize and align the regulation with the statute. **Submit comments by April 3, 2023.**

[Notice of Availability and Request for Comment: Revision to the Voluntary Standard for Bedside Sleepers](#)

Published 2/17/2023

Reference ASTM

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (Commission or CPSC) mandatory rule, Safety Standard for Bedside Sleepers, incorporates by reference ASTM F2906-13, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Bedside Sleepers. ASTM notified the Commission that it has revised this incorporated voluntary standard. CPSC seeks comment on whether the revision improves the safety of bedside sleepers. **Comments must be received by March 3, 2023.**

[Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea: Continuation of Countervailing Duty Orders](#)

Published 2/15/2013

Reference ASTM

As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate (CTL plate) from the People's Republic of China (China) and the Republic of Korea (Korea) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of net countervailable subsidies and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these CVD orders. **Applicable February 15, 2023.**

[Tin Mill Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation](#)

Published 2/14/2023

Reference ASTM

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that the Government of China (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of tin mill products in China and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition is supported by information reasonably available to the petitioners. **Applicable February 7, 2023.**

[Tin Mill Products From Canada, the People's Republic of China, Germany, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations](#)

Published 2/14/2023

Reference ASTM

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that imports of tin mill products from Canada, China, Germany, the Netherlands, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United Kingdom are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that imports of such products are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the tin mill products industry in the United States. Consistent with section 732(b)(1) of the Act, the Petitions are

accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioners supporting their allegations. **Applicable February 7, 2023.**

[Publication of a Report on the Effect of Imports of Neodymium-Iron-Boron \(NdFeB\) Permanent Magnets on the National Security: An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as Amended](#)

Published 2/14/2023

Reference IEEE

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) in this notice is publishing a report that summarizes the findings of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce (the “Department”) pursuant to section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (“section 232”), into the effect of imports of neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB) permanent magnets on the national security of the United States. **The report was completed in June 2022. The report was posted on the BIS website in September 2022.**

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

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Reference ISO

The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) proposes to amend the test procedure for compressors to correct an error. DOE also proposes to amend the definition of air compressor to include a minor clarification and revise a typographical error. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposals. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this proposal no later than April 14, 2023. DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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

Published 2/15/2023

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. **Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2023.**

[Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on **Tuesday, March 7-Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The meeting will be held for two half days on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 8, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern time.**

[Cyber Security Programs for Nuclear Power Reactors](#)

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 5.71, “Cyber Security Programs for Nuclear Power Reactors.” Revision 1 incorporates references to industry guidance on identifying and protecting critical digital assets for safety-related, important to safety, balance of plant, and emergency preparedness equipment. **Revision 1 to RG 5.71 is available on February 13, 2023.**

[Open Meetings of the Internet of Things Advisory Board](#)

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Reference NIST

The Internet of Things (IoT) Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, March 7, 2023; Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and Wednesday, April 19, 2023; and Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time. All sessions will be open to the public. **The meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023;**

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and Wednesday, April 19, 2023; and Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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Reference SAE

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