

U.S. Federal Register Update: January 23 – January 27, 2023

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, CSA, UL

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking the preliminary stages of a rulemaking to consider amendments to the test procedure for central air conditioners and heat pumps. Through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE seeks data and information regarding issues pertinent to whether amended test procedures would more accurately or fully comply with the requirement that the test procedure produces results that measure energy use during a representative average use cycle or period of use for the product without being unduly burdensome to conduct, or reduce testing burden. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before February 23, 2023.**

[Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM, NIST

Based on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) reconsideration of the air quality criteria and the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM), the EPA proposes to revise the primary annual PM_{2.5} standard by lowering the level. The Agency proposes to retain the current primary 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard and the primary 24-hour PM₁₀ standard. The Agency also proposes not to change the secondary 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard, secondary annual PM_{2.5} standard, and secondary 24-hour PM₁₀ standard at this time. The EPA also proposes revisions to other key aspects related to the PM NAAQS, including revisions to the Air Quality Index (AQI) and monitoring requirements for the PM NAAQS. **Comments must be received on or before March 28, 2023.**

[Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards](#)

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Reference ASTM, IEC, NIST, SAE, UL

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing a program to further reduce air pollution, including ozone and particulate matter (PM), from heavy-duty engines and vehicles across the United States. The final program includes new emission standards that are significantly more stringent and that cover a wider range of heavy-duty engine operating conditions compared to today's standards; further, the final program requires these more stringent emissions standards to be met for a longer period of when these engines operate on the road. Heavy-duty vehicles and engines are important contributors to concentrations of ozone and particulate matter and their resulting threat to public health, which includes premature death, respiratory illness (including childhood asthma), cardiovascular problems, and other adverse health impacts. The final rulemaking promulgates new numeric standards and changes key provisions of the existing heavy-duty emission control program, including the test procedures, regulatory useful life, emission-related warranty, and other requirements. **This final rule is effective on March 27, 2023. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 27, 2023.**

[HISA Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rule](#)

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Reference IEC, ISO

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 recognizes a self-regulatory nonprofit organization, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority, which is charged with developing proposed rules on a variety of subjects. Those proposed rules and later proposed rule modifications take effect only if approved by the Federal

Trade Commission. The proposed rules and rule modifications must be published in the Federal Register for public comment. Thereafter, the Commission has 60 days from the date of publication to approve or disapprove the proposed rule or rule modification. The Authority submitted to the Commission a proposed rule on Anti-Doping and Medication Control on December 30, 2022. The Office of the Secretary of the Commission determined that the proposal complied with the Commission's rule governing such submissions. This document publicizes the Authority's proposed rule's text and explanation, and it seeks public comment on whether the Commission should approve or disapprove the proposed rule. This document is substantially similar to the document published on October 28, 2022, as corrected on November 4, 2022, and the Commission will consider all comments filed in response to that document as well as all comments filed in response to this document. **If approved, the HISA proposed rule would take effect immediately, and the Commission must approve or disapprove the rule by March 27, 2023. Comments must be received on or before February 9, 2023.**

[Notice of Extension of Temporary Suspension of Dogs Entering the United States From Countries With a High Risk of Rabies](#)

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Reference ISO

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces an extension of the current temporary suspension of the importation into the United States of dogs from high-risk rabies-zoonotic countries (high-risk countries). This suspension includes dogs that have been in any high-risk countries during the previous six months. **The extension of the temporary suspension of the importation of dogs into the United States from high-risk countries will be implemented on February 1, 2023, when the current suspension expires, and will remain in effect through July 31, 2023.**

[National Advanced Spectrum and Communications Test Network: Citizens Broadband Radio Service Sharing Ecosystem Assessment Test Plan Community Outreach](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Advanced Spectrum and Communications Test Network (NASCTN) is hosting a public meeting on NASCTN's test plan for collecting emissions in the Citizen Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) band in 'Always On' Dynamic Protection Areas (DPAs), on February 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The purpose of this meeting is to brief federal, industry, and academic stakeholders and interested parties from the public on the details and approach to collecting emissions in the CBRS band for one of the three main tasks of the NASCTN CBRS Sharing Ecosystem Assessment (SEA) project. **The NASCTN meeting on the CBRS SEA Project Aggregate Emissions in Always-On DPA test plan will take place February 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.**

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

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Reference NIST

In accordance with the Privacy Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is establishing a new system of records to be maintained by the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH/OIDP), System No. 09-90-2101 "HIV Prevention Medication Distribution Records." The new system of records will consist of records about individual patients who participate in the Ending the HIV Epidemic—Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Implementation and Distribution Services Program (PrEP Program), which will provide donated HIV prevention medication to patients in the United States who are at substantial risk of acquiring the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). **In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this notice is effective upon publication, subject to a 30-day period in which to comment on the routine uses, described below. Please submit any comments by February 22, 2023.**

[VA Acquisition Regulation: Acquisition of Information Technology; and Other Contracts for Goods and Services Involving Information, VA Sensitive Information, and Information Security; and Liquidated Damages Requirements for Data Breach](#)

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Reference NIST

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is issuing a final rule amending the VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR). This rulemaking revises the VAAR by adding a part covering Acquisition of Information Technology and revising coverage concerning Other Contracts for Goods and Services involving mandatory information, privacy, and security requirements to include policy concerning VA sensitive personal information, information security, and liquidated damages requirements for data breach in the following parts: Administrative and Information Matters; Describing Agency Needs; Protection of Privacy and Freedom of Information; as well as Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services. It also revises affected parts concerning Definitions of Words and Terms, and Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses. **Effective February 24, 2023.**