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**Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People’s Republic of China: Continuation of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders**
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*Reference ANSI*

As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) in their five-year (sunset) reviews that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain hardwood plywood products (hardwood plywood) from the People’s Republic of China (China) would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD and CVD orders. Applicable **May 25, 2023.**

**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Marine Geophysical Survey of the Blake Plateau in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean**
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NMFS has received a request from Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (L–DEO) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey of the Blake Plateau in the northwest Atlantic Ocean. 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 **July 7, 2023.**

**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the New England Wind Project Offshore Massachusetts**
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*Reference ANSI, ISO*

NMFS has received a request from Park City Wind, LLC (Park City Wind) for Incidental Take Regulations (ITR) and an associated Letter of Authorization (LOA) pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The requested regulations would govern the authorization of take, by Level A harassment and/or Level B harassment, of small numbers of marine mammals over the course of 5 years (2025–2030) incidental to construction of the New England Wind Project. Park City Wind proposes to develop the New England Wind Project in two phases, known as Park City Wind (Phase 1) and Commonwealth Wind (Phase 2). Project activities that may result in incidental take include pile driving (impact and vibratory), drilling, unexploded ordnance or munitions and explosives of concern (UXO/MEC) detonation, and vessel-based site assessment surveys using high-resolution geophysical (HRG) equipment. NMFS requests comments on this proposed rule. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the promulgation of the requested ITR and issuance of the LOA; agency responses to public comments will be summarized in the final rule, if issued. If adopted, the proposed regulations would be effective **March 27, 2025,** through **March 26, 2030.** Comments and information must be received no later than **July 10, 2023.**

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Operating Fund Energy Incentives: Energy Performance Contracting Program, Rate Reduction Incentive, OMB Control Number 2577-New**
*Published 06/09/2023*
Reference ASHRAE
HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with comments paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment. Comments Due Date: July 10, 2023.

Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2022
Published 6/06/2023
Reference ISO
The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain producers and or/exporters made sales of non-refillable steel cylinders (NRSCs) from the People’s Republic of China (China) at less than normal value, and one company had no shipments of subject merchandise during the period of review (POR) October 30, 2020, through April 30, 2022. Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results of this review. Applicable June 6, 2023.

Federal “Good Neighbor Plan” for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards
Published 06/05/2023
Reference ISO
This action finalizes Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) requirements to address 23 states' obligations to eliminate significant contribution to nonattainment, or interference with maintenance, of the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in other states. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking this action under the “good neighbor” or “interstate transport” provision of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act). The Agency is defining the amount of ozone-precursor emissions (specifically, nitrogen oxides) that constitute significant contribution to nonattainment and interference with maintenance from these 23 states. This final rule is effective on August 4, 2023.

NIST’s Research Data Framework
Published 6/06/2023
Reference NIST
The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) seeks comments on NIST’s Research Data Framework (RDaF or Framework). The RDaF is a tool that aims to help shape the future of open data access and research data management. A broader range of stakeholder views is needed for refining the next version of the RDaF. The current draft of the RDaF is available electronically from the NIST website at: https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.1500-18r1. All individuals and organizations with influence on and who are influenced by research data management are encouraged to offer their input. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time on July 6, 2023. Written comments should be submitted according to the instructions in the ADDRESSES and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections below. Submissions received after that date may not be considered.

National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
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Reference NIST
The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC or Committee) will hold a series of virtual briefing sessions. These sessions will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023; Thursday, June 22, 2023; and Tuesday, June 27, 2023. The purpose of these sessions is for invited experts to brief the Committee on topics of interest related to the Committee’s year two efforts. Additional information, including the final agenda and link to register, will be available online at: ai.gov/naiac/. The sessions will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023; Thursday, June 22, 2023; and Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Additional information, including the session times, will be available on ai.gov/naiac. Members of the public interested in viewing the sessions are encouraged to visit ai.gov/naiac/ for session details and to register to watch virtually. Registration is required to view each of the virtual sessions and members of the public should register in accordance with the information provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.
Open Meeting of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board
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Reference NIST
The Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) will meet Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, and Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. All sessions will be open to the public. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, and Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., eastern time.

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records
Published 6/08/2023
Reference NIST
Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) gives notice of a new proposed Privacy Act system of records. The new system is NCUA—28, Anti-Harassment Case Tracking and Records. This system will maintain information collected for the purpose of conducting internal investigations into allegations of harassment brought by NCUA employees and NCUA contractors and taking appropriate action(s). Information is collected directly from the individual with their consent. Submit comments on or before July 10, 2023. This system will be effective immediately, and routine uses will be effective on July 10, 2023.

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records
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Reference NIST
The information collected and maintained in Human Resources Records is in keeping with the Department’s mission to document all processes associated with individual employment histories and career progression; to ensure that all employees and potential employees have equal employment opportunities; and to make personnel management determinations about employees throughout their Federal careers. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this system of records notice (SORN) is effective upon publication, with the exception of the routine uses (Y), (Z), (AA), (BB), (CC), (DD), (EE), (FF), and (GG) that are subject to a 30-day period during which interested persons may submit comments to the Department. Please submit any comments by July 6, 2023.

Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Safety Impacts of Human-Automated Driving System (ADS) Team Driving Applications
Published 06/08/2023
Reference SAE
In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. This notice invites comments on a proposed information collection titled “Safety Impacts of Human-Automated Driving System (ADS) Team Driving Applications.” It is a driving simulator study with a series of questionnaires that will quantify the safety implications of team driving applications between humans and ADS-equipped commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). Specifically, this study will focus on team driving applications with an SAE Level 4 (L4) CMV. In L4 automation, as specified by SAE (2021), CMVs are capable of all functions and controls necessary for driving without human monitoring in limited conditions, and the human driver will not be asked to take over control of the vehicle. The L4 CMV will not operate outside of the conditions it was designed for without human control. Approximately 80 CMV drivers will participate in the study. The study will assess the safety benefits and disbenefits of human-ADS team driving applications and support the analysis of potential requests for relief from FMCSA’s hours-of-service (HOS) regulations. Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 7, 2023.

Nemko North America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition
Published 06/07/2023
Reference UL
In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Nemko North America, Inc., for expansion of the recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency’s preliminary finding to grant the
application. Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before June 22, 2023.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety; Notice of Meeting and Request for Comments
Published 06/06/2023
Reference UL
The Consumer Product Safety Commission will be holding a meeting on lithium-ion battery safety, with a specific focus on fires occurring in e-bikes and other micro-mobility products as well as the fire risks that may arise with the growing consumer market for other products containing such batteries. We invite interested parties to participate in or attend the meeting. A remote viewing option will be available for registrants. We also invite interested parties to submit written comments related to the issues discussed in this notice. The hybrid meeting will be held in person at CPSC’s headquarters and remotely via webinar at 10 a.m. Eastern time on July 27, 2023, and will conclude that same day.