

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

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Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Television Sets

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Reference ANSI, IEC

This final rule amends the test procedure for television sets to incorporate by reference the relevant updated industry standard. The Department of Energy ("DOE") has determined that incorporating the updated industry standard will result in a test procedure that is more representative of the average energy use of television sets. The effective date of this rule is **April 14, 2023**. The amendments will be mandatory for product testing starting **September 11, 2023**. The incorporation by reference of certain materials listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on **April 14, 2023**.

Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Consumer Boilers

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ASTM, CSA, IEC, ISO, NFPA, NIST

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") amends its test procedure for consumer boilers established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. This rulemaking fulfills DOE's obligation to review its test procedures for covered products at least once every seven years. The revisions include: incorporating by reference the latest versions of the industry standards currently referenced in the Federal test procedure; relocating the test procedure to a new appendix separate from the residential furnace test procedure; removing an extraneous definition from its regulatory definitions; and making clarifying corrections to calculations. These revisions will improve the representativeness of the test method and will not be unduly burdensome to conduct. The effective date of this rule is **April 12, 2023**. The amendments will be mandatory for product testing starting **September 11, 2023**. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of **April 12, 2023**. The incorporation by reference of certain other material listed in the rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register on March 23, 2009, and February 16, 2016.

Update to Electrical Engineering Regulations

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM, CSA, IEC, IEEE, ISO, NEMA, NFPA, UL

The Coast Guard is updating electrical engineering standards that are incorporated by reference and adding acceptable alternative standards. This rule also eliminates several outdated or unnecessarily prescriptive electrical engineering regulations. This regulatory action is consistent with the standards currently used by industry and supports the Coast Guard's maritime safety mission. This final rule is effective **April 17, 2023**. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on **April 17, 2023**. The incorporation by reference of certain other publications listed in the rule was approved by the Director as of April 30, 2015.

CSA Group Testing & Certification Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards

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Reference ANSI, CSA, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for CSA Group Testing & Certification Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the final decision to add one test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate test standards. The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on **March 15, 2023**.

[Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; Reconsideration of the Application Exclusion Zone Amendments](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASABE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to reinstate certain requirements that were amended in 2020 regarding the application exclusion zone (AEZ) requirements of the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS). EPA has reconsidered the amended AEZ requirements and has determined that several aspects of the AEZ provisions, such as those regarding the applicability of the AEZ and distance determination criteria, should be revised to reinstate previous requirements that are protective of public health and to limit exposure for those who may be near ongoing pesticide applications. Comments must be received on or before **May 12, 2023**.

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving Training Exercises at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme](#)

Published 3/15/2023

Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the United States Navy (Navy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving training exercises at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme (NBVC). 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. The Navy's activities are considered (a) military readiness activities pursuant to the MMPA, as amended by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (2004 NDAA). Comments and information must be received no later than **April 14, 2023**.

[Certain Steel Nails From Malaysia: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021](#)

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Reference ASTM

The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending its final results in the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel nails (nails) from Malaysia for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, to correct certain ministerial errors. Applicable **March 14, 2023**.

[Development of a National Spectrum Strategy](#)

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Reference IEEE

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, seeks public comment on the development and implementation of a National Spectrum Strategy for the United States. Through this Request for Comments, NTIA seeks broad input from interested stakeholders, including private industry (specifically including developers and end-users of spectrum-based technologies and services, and contractors for federal missions), academia, civil society, the public sector, and others on three proposed pillars of the National Spectrum Strategy set forth below. Parties should file their comments no later than **April 17, 2023**.

[UL LLC: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Published 3/14/2023

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of UL LLC, for expansion of the scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add one test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before **March 29, 2023**.

Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition

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Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Intertek Testing Services NA, 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 **March 30, 2023**.

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers

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Reference UL

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including battery chargers. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "Department") to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for battery chargers, and also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results. *Meeting:* DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on Thursday, **April 27, 2023**, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See section VII, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. *Comments:* DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this NOPR no later than **May 15, 2023**. Comments regarding the likely competitive impact of the proposed standard should be sent to the Department of Justice contact listed in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before **April 14, 2023**.