

## U.S. Federal Register Update: January 3 – January 7, 2022

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### [Substantial Product Hazard List: Window Covering Cords](#)

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**Reference** ANSI

To address the risk of strangulation to young children associated with certain window covering cords, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is proposing a rule to deem that one or more of the following readily observable characteristics of window coverings present a substantial product hazard (SPH) under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA): The presence of hazardous operating cords on stock window coverings, the presence of hazardous inner cords on stock and custom window coverings, or the absence of a manufacturer label on stock and custom window coverings. The proposed rule would amend the Substantial Product Hazard List, which lists products that the Commission has determined present an SPH if the products have or lack specified characteristics that are readily observable, the hazards have been addressed by a voluntary standard, the voluntary standard has been effective in reducing the risk of injury associated with the product, and the products substantially comply with the voluntary standard. **Written comments must be received by March 23, 2022.**

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### [Safety Standard for Operating Cords on Custom Window Coverings](#)

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**Reference** ANSI

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has determined preliminarily that custom window coverings with accessible operating cords that are longer than 8 inches pose an unreasonable risk of strangulation to children 8 years old and younger. To address this risk of strangulation, the Commission proposes a rule under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) to require that operating cords on custom window coverings meet the same requirements as operating cords on stock window coverings, as set forth in the applicable voluntary standard. Thus, the rule proposes that operating cords on custom window coverings must be cordless, inaccessible, or 8 inches or shorter in length in any use position. If finalized, operating cords on custom window coverings would require testing and certification to the rule under section 14 of the CPSA. Moreover, operating cords on custom window coverings that meet the definition of a "children's product" would require third party testing by a CPSC-accredited third party conformity assessment body. Accordingly, the rule also proposes to amend the Commission's regulation on requirements pertaining to third party conformity assessment bodies to add "Safety Standard for Operating Cords on Custom Window Coverings" to the list of rules that require third party testing. **Written comments must be received by March 23, 2022.**

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### [Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Weapons Testing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California](#)

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**Reference** ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to 2 years of activity related to testing of the Extended Range Cannon Artillery II (ERCA II) system at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue two consecutive one-year incidental harassment authorizations (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-time, one-year renewal for each IHA 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 a final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. The DAF's activities are considered 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 February 7, 2022.**

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## [Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction of the South Fork Offshore Wind Project](#)

**Published** 1/6/2022

**Reference** ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to South Fork Wind, LLC (South Fork Wind) to take, by Level A harassment and Level B harassment, marine mammals during construction of a commercial wind energy project offshore New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. **This IHA is valid from November 15, 2022 through November 14, 2023.**

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## [HISA Racetrack Safety](#)

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**Reference** ASTM

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 Racetrack Safety on December 6, 2021. 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 text and explanation, and it seeks public comment on whether the Commission should approve or disapprove the proposed rule. **If approved, the HISA proposed rule would have an effective date of July 1, 2022. Comments must be received on or before January 19, 2022.**

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## [National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program-Revisions to the Personal Body Armor Laboratory Accreditation Program](#)

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**Reference** IEC, ISO, NIST

The National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) announces approval of revisions to its Personal Body Armor Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) for accreditation of laboratories performing tests on ballistic- and stab-resistant personal body armor. The program has been renamed as the Law Enforcement and Corrections Equipment LAP to better reflect the types of testing being performed within this accreditation program and to allow for future expansion of the program for testing of additional law enforcement and corrections equipment. **Handbook 150-24, 2021 edition, is applicable 30 days after publication on the NVLAP website, <https://www.nist.gov/nvlap>.**

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## [Self-Regulatory Organizations: The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Reorganizations Guide and the Fee Guide](#)

**Published** 1/5/2022

**Reference** ISO

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") [1] and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2021, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency. DTC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act [3] and Rules 19b-4(f)(2) and (f)(4) thereunder.[4] The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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## [National Conference on Weights and Measures 2022 Interim Meeting](#)

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**Reference** NIST

The 2022 Interim Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) will be held using a virtual meeting platform and in-person at the Westin Tampa Waterside Hotel, Tampa Florida, from Sunday, January 9 through Wednesday, January 12, 2022. This notice contains information about significant items on the NCWM Committee agendas but does not include all agenda items. As a result, the items are not consecutively numbered. **The 2022 Interim Meeting**

will be held from Sunday, January 9, through Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The meeting schedule will be available on the NCWM website at [www.ncwm.com](http://www.ncwm.com).

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

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#### Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) is giving notice that it proposes to modify a system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. Environmental Assessments of Residential Properties (EARP) is being modified to further clarify the nature of the information, and the ways in which that information may be used and shared with parties who are part of the evaluation and coordination process. This system of records contains information of individuals that is collected in the course of response and environmental assessment actions, including actions taken under a variety of EPA authorities. The information maintained under this System of Records Notice (SORN) is needed to support EPA's decision-making process on what actions may be necessary to address potential environmental impacts at residential properties, including necessary investigation and cleanup activities. This information is collected to ensure an appropriate and cohesive response to situations that may require EPA response activities, and to protect the health and welfare of residents who may be affected by conditions that present a potential environmental or public health threat. The information is maintained as needed for consideration and coordination of environmental response activities. This information may include individuals' contact information, information related to their address or place of residence, correspondence, and related environmental and public health information collected in the course of investigation, sampling, and cleanup work, as described in further detail below. All exemptions and provisions included in the previously published SORN for EARP will transfer to the modified SORN for EARP. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by February 7, 2022. New routine uses for this modified system of records will be effective February 7, 2022.**

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