**U.S. Federal Register Update: January 4 – 8, 2016**

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**Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets**
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*Reference ANSI, IEC*

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) modernizes its wireless hearing aid compatibility rules. The Commission adopts these rules to ensure that people with hearing loss have full access to innovative handsets and technologies. **Effective February 4, 2016.**

**Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines**
*Published 1/8/2015*
*Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ASTM, UL*

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machines (beverage vending machines or BVM). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would save a significant amount of energy. In this final rule, DOE is amending the energy conservation standards for Class A and Class B beverage vending machines. DOE is also amending the definition for Class A equipment to more unambiguously differentiate Class A and Class B beverage vending machines. In addition, DOE is amending the definition of combination vending machine, is defining two new classes of combination vending machines, Combination A and Combination B, and is promulgating standards for those new classes. Finally, DOE is adopting new provisions that DOE will use to verify the appropriate equipment class and refrigerated volume during enforcement testing. **The effective date of this rule is March 8, 2016. Compliance with the new and amended standards established for beverage vending machines in this final rule is required on and after January 8, 2019. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 8, 2016.**

**Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fan Light Kits**
*Published 1/6/2015*
*Reference ANSI, NEMA*

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including ceiling fan light kits (CFLKs). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would save a significant amount of energy. In this final rule, DOE is adopting more-stringent energy conservation standards for CFLKs. It has determined that the amended energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified. **The effective date of this rule is March 7, 2016. Compliance with the amended standards established for CFLKs in this final rule is required on and after January 7, 2019.**

**Improvements to Benchmarks and Related Requirements Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets**
*Published 1/5/2015*
*Reference ANSI*

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on revisions to the Commission’s wireless hearing aid compatibility rules. The Commission proposes to adopt a consensus approach developed cooperatively by consumer advocates and industry trade associations, which would require manufacturers and service providers to increase the percentage of new wireless handset models that are hearing aid compatible over time, culminating in a system in which all wireless handset models are accessible to people with hearing loss. **Interested parties may file comments on or before January 14, 2016, and reply comments on or before January 29, 2016.**
List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec International HI-STORM 100 Cask System; Amendment No. 9, Revision 1

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Reference ASME, ASTM

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the Holtec International (“Holtec,” or “the applicant”) HI-STORM 100 Cask System listing within the “List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks” to include Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1014. Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, changes cooling time limits for thimble plug devices (TPDs), removes certain testing requirements for the fabrication of Metamic HT neutron-absorbing structural material, and reduces certain minimum guaranteed values (MGV) used in bounding calculations for this material. Amendment No. 9, Revision 1, also changes fuel definitions to classify certain boiling water reactor (BWR) fuel within specified guidelines as undamaged fuel. The direct final rule is effective March 21, 2016, unless significant adverse comments are received by February 5, 2016. If the direct final rule is withdrawn as a result of such comments, timely notice of the withdrawal will be published in the Federal Register.

Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only of comments received on or before this date. Comments received on this direct final rule will also be considered to be comments on a companion proposed rule published in the Proposed Rules section of this issue of the Federal Register.


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Reference ASTM

In response to requests from Petitioners and SeAH Steel Corporation (SeAH), the Department of Commerce (Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on welded ASTM A-312 stainless steel pipe from Republic of Korea (Korea). The period of review (POR) is December 1, 2013, through November 30, 2014. The review covers two exporters and/or producers of the subject merchandise, SeAH and LS Metal Co., Ltd. (LS Metal). The Department preliminarily finds that SeAH and LS Metal sold subject merchandise at less than normal value during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993-ASTM International Standards

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Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given that, on December 11, 2015, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), ASTM International (“ASTM”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM standards activities originating between September 2015 and December 2015 designated as Work Items. A complete listing of ASTM Work Items along with a brief description of each, is available at http://www.astm.org.

On September 15, 2004, ASTM filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 14, 2015. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 9, 2015 (80 FR 61236).

Magnesium Metal From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014-2015

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (“Department”) is conducting the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on magnesium metal from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). The period of review (“POR”) is April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015. This review covers two PRC companies, Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. (“TMI”) and Tianjin Magnesium
Metal, Co., Ltd. (“TMM”). The Department preliminarily finds that TMI and TMM did not have reviewable entries during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Postponing the Date for Retirement of Computer to Computer Facility Corporate Action Announcement Files, and Implementing a Fee Associated With Its Use**

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Reference ISO
Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on December 24, 2015, 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 DTC. DTC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rules 19b-4(f)(2) and (f)(4) thereunder. The proposed rule change was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

**Notice of Issuance of Final Determination Concerning Certain Intermodal Containers**

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Reference ISO
This document provides notice that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) has issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of certain intermodal containers. Based upon the facts presented, CBP has concluded that the country of origin of the intermodal containers is the country of origin of the imported panels for purposes of U.S. Government procurement. The final determination was issued on December 23, 2015. A copy of the final determination is attached. Any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of this final determination within February 8, 2016.

**Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Surgical Mesh for Transvaginal Pelvic Organ Prolapse Repair**

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Reference ISO
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is issuing a final order to require the filing of a premarket approval application (PMA) or notice of completion of a product development protocol (PDP) for surgical mesh for transvaginal pelvic organ prolapse (POP) repair. This order is effective on January 5, 2016.

**Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, To Import and Export Liquefied Natural Gas, To Vacate Prior Authorization and Errata During November 2015**

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Reference ISO
The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during November 2015, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, to import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG), to vacate prior authority, and errata. These orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at http://energy.gov/fe/downloads/listing-doe-fe-authorizationsorders-issued-2015. They are also available for inspection and copying in the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards; Supplemental Notice of Agenda and Discussion Topics for Staff Technical Conference**

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Reference NEMA
This notice establishes the agenda and topics for discussion at the technical conference to be held on January 28, 2016, to discuss issues related to supply chain risk management. The technical conference will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Commission's Headquarters, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC. The technical conference will be led by Commission staff, and FERC Commissioners may be in attendance. All interested parties are invited to attend, and registration is not required.