

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 18 – 22, 2016

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[Incorporating the American National Standard for Compliance Testing of Transmitters Used in Licensed Radio Services \(ANSI C63.26-2015\) Into the Commission's Rules](#)

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Reference ANSI, IEEE

In this document, the Commission acknowledges the publication of ANSI C63.26-2015 "American National Standard for Compliance Testing of Transmitters Used in Licensed Radio Services" and seeks comment on incorporating it into the Commission's rules by reference as part of an open rulemaking proceeding that addresses its equipment authorization (EA) rules and procedures. The standard was recently published and is now an "active standard"—that is, the standards association considers it to be valid, current, and approved.

[Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Proposed New Listings of Substitutes; Changes of Listing Status; and Reinterpretation of Unacceptability for Closed Cell Foam Products Under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program; and Revision of Clean Air Act Section 608 Venting Prohibition for Propane](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ASTM, IEC, NFPA, SAE, UL

Pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Significant New Alternatives Policy program, this action proposes to list a number of substances as acceptable, subject to use conditions; to list several substances as unacceptable; and to modify the listing status for certain substances from acceptable to unacceptable, subject to narrowed use limits, or to unacceptable. Specifically, this action proposes to list as acceptable, subject to use restrictions, propane and HFO-1234yf in the refrigeration and air conditioning, and 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-ene in the fire suppression and explosion protection sectors; to list as unacceptable certain hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon blends in specific end-uses in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector; and to modify the listing status for certain high-global warming potential alternatives for certain end-uses in the refrigeration and air conditioning, foam blowing, and fire suppression and explosion protection sectors. This action also proposes to exempt propane in certain refrigeration end-uses from the Clean Air Act section 608 prohibition on venting, release, or disposal on the basis of current evidence that its venting, release, or disposal does not pose a threat to the environment. In addition, this action proposes to apply unacceptability determinations for foam-blowing agents to closed cell foam products and products containing closed cell foam that are manufactured or imported using these foam-blowing agents. This action also proposes to clarify the listing for Powdered Aerosol D (Stat-X®), which is currently listed as both acceptable and acceptable subject to use conditions, by removing the listing as acceptable subject to use conditions. **Comments must be received on or before June 2, 2016. Any party requesting a public hearing must notify the contact listed below under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on May 3, 2016. If a hearing is held, it will take place on or about May 18, 2016 in Washington, DC and further information will be provided on EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Web site at www.epa.gov/ozone/snap.**

[Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Determination of Portable Air Conditioners as a Covered Consumer Product](#)

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Reference AHAM

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is classifying portable air conditioners (ACs) as a covered product under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended. This classification is based on DOE's determination that portable ACs are a type of consumer product that meets the requisite criteria specified in EPCA. Specifically, DOE has determined that classifying portable ACs as a covered product is necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of EPCA, and that average U.S. household energy use by portable ACs is likely to exceed 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year. **This rule is effective May 18, 2016.**

[Accreditation and Approval of Oiltest, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

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Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Oiltest, Inc., has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of December 11, 2014. **Notice of accreditation and approval of Oiltest, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.**

[Accreditation of Dixie Services Inc., as a Commercial Laboratory](#)

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Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Dixie Services, Inc., has been accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of September 9, 2015. **The accreditation of Dixie Services, Inc., as commercial laboratory became effective on September 9, 2015. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for September 2018.**

[Cardiovascular Devices; Reclassification of External Pacemaker Pulse Generator Devices; Reclassification of Pacing System Analyzers](#)

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Reference IEC

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a final order to reclassify external pacemaker pulse generator (EPPG) devices, which are currently preamendments class III devices (regulated under product code DTE), into class II (special controls) and to reclassify pacing system analyzers (PSAs) into class II (special controls) based on new information and subject to premarket notification. This final order also creates a separate classification regulation for PSAs and places single and dual chamber PSAs, which are currently classified with EPPG devices, and triple chamber PSAs (TCPSAs), which are currently postamendments class III devices, into that new classification regulation. **This order is effective April 18, 2016.**

[Cooperative Research and Development Agreement: Troposcatter Communications Exploratory Development](#)

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Reference IEEE

The Coast Guard announces its intent to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Comtech Systems, Inc., to investigate the potential operational use of troposcatter technology. The research includes employment of their Modular Transportable Transmission System (MTTS) in northern Alaska to establish beyond line of sight (BLOS) network links without using existing infrastructure or satellite communications. Specifically, the MTTs will provide a wireless IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet) data link between two locations separated by long distances and elevated terrain. The MTTs will be setup in locations with no shelter/protection from the Northern Alaskan environment. A Pilot Demonstration schedule has been proposed in which Comtech Systems will provide their MTTs to connect two points separated by 68 miles with a 3000 foot elevation in between. The Coast Guard Research and Development Center (R&D Center) will prepare a Pilot Demonstration Assessment Plan and Comtech Systems will operate the equipment for exploratory development over a one week period to collect information on suitability, reliability, maintenance requirements, and ease of use. While the Coast Guard is currently considering partnering with Comtech Systems, Inc., the agency is soliciting public comment on the possible nature of and participation of other parties in the proposed CRADA. In addition, the Coast Guard also invites other potential non-Federal participants to propose similar CRADAs. **Comments must be submitted to the online docket via [http:// www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or reach the Docket Management Facility, on or before May 19, 2016.**

[Beyond Compliance Program](#)

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Reference ISO

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires FMCSA to implement a "Beyond Compliance" program no later than 18 months after the enactment of the Act. Through this proposed program, the FMCSA Administrator must allow recognition, either through credit recognized by a new Beyond Compliance Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category (BASIC), or an improved Safety Measurement System (SMS) percentile, for a motor carrier that: (1) Installs advanced safety equipment; (2) uses enhanced driver fitness measures; (3) adopts fleet safety management tools, technologies, and programs; or (4) satisfies other standards determined appropriate by the Administrator. The FAST Act also requires that the Agency provide the opportunity for notice and comment on a process for identifying and reviewing advanced safety equipment, enhanced driver fitness measures, fleet safety management tools, technologies, and programs, and other standards for use by motor carriers to receive recognition. This proposed program will not allow relief from

regulatory requirements. This notice satisfies that requirement to seek comments on this program. Comments and data received in response to this notice will be used to further develop the Beyond Compliance program. **Comments must be received on or before June 20, 2016.**

[Notice of a Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee Technical Systems Subcommittee Meeting NFPA 70-2014 Task Group](#)

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Reference NFPA

This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a teleconference meeting of the MHCC, Technical Systems Subcommittee, NFPA 70-2014 Task Group. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to comment on the business before the MHCC. **The teleconference meeting will be held on May 25, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The teleconference numbers are US toll free: 866-622-8461 and Participant Code 4325434.**

[Requirements for the Distribution and Control of Donated Foods-The Emergency Food Assistance Program: Implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2014](#)

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Reference SAE

This rule revises and clarifies requirements to ensure that USDA donated foods are distributed, stored, and managed in the safest, most efficient, and cost-effective manner, at State and recipient agency levels. The rule also reduces administrative and reporting requirements for State distributing agencies, revises or clarifies regulatory provisions relating to accountability for donated foods, and rewrites much of the regulations in a more user-friendly, "plain language," format. Lastly, the rule revises and clarifies specific requirements to conform more closely to related requirements in corresponding regulations and current law. **This rule is effective June 20, 2016.**

[Special Conditions: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Gulfstream GVI Airplane; Non-Rechargeable Lithium Battery Installations](#)

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Reference UL

These special conditions are issued for the Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation (Gulfstream) GVI airplane. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport-category airplanes. This design feature is non-rechargeable lithium batteries. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.
