

U.S. Federal Register Update: June 25 – June 29, 2018

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[Notice of Petition for Waiver of LG Electronics USA, Inc. From the Department of Energy Room Air Conditioner Test Procedure and Notice of Grant of Interim Waiver](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

This document announces receipt of and publishes a petition for waiver from LG Electronics USA, Inc. ("LG"), which seeks an exemption from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") test procedure used for determining the efficiency of specified room air conditioner basic models. LG seeks to use an alternate test procedure to address issues involved in testing the basic models identified in its petition. According to LG, the current DOE test procedure for room air conditioners, which provides for testing at full-load performance only, does not take into account the benefits of room air conditioners that use variable-speed compressors ("variable speed air conditioners"), with their part-load performance characteristics, and misrepresents their actual energy consumption. LG requests that it be permitted to test the specified basic models at four rating conditions instead of a single rating condition and to calculate the test unit's weighted-average combined energy efficiency ratio (CEER), which can then be compared to the expected performance of a comparable single-speed room air conditioner across the same four rating conditions. The performance improvement would be applied to the measured performance of the variable-speed room air conditioner when tested under the high-temperature rating condition of the DOE test procedure for room air conditioners to determine the test unit's final rated CEER value. DOE grants LG an interim waiver from the DOE's room air conditioner test procedure for the specified basic models, subject to use of the alternate test procedure as set forth in the Interim Waiver Order. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning LG's petition and its suggested alternate test procedure to inform its final decision on LG's waiver request. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before July 30, 2018.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Marine Geophysical Survey in the North Pacific Ocean](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University (L-DEO) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey in the North Pacific 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 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 30, 2018.**

[Safety Standard for Baby Changing Products](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to adopt consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. To comply with the CPSIA, the Commission is issuing a safety standard for baby changing products. This rule incorporates by reference ASTM F2388-18, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Baby Changing Products for Domestic Use (ASTM F2388-18). In addition, this rule amends the regulations regarding third party conformity assessment bodies to include the safety standard for baby changing products in the list of Notices of Requirements (NORs). **The rule will become effective on June 26, 2019. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 26, 2019.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving Activities for the Restoration of Pier 62, Seattle Waterfront, Elliott Bay](#)

Published 6/27/2018

Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the Seattle Department of Transportation (Seattle DOT) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving activities for the restoration of Pier 62, Seattle Waterfront, Elliott Bay in Seattle, Washington (Season 2). 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 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 27, 2018.**

[Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Use of Commercial or Non-Government Standards \(DFARS Case 2017-D014\)](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM, IEEE, ISO

DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub. L. 114-328), which requires DoD to revise the DFARS to encourage contractors to propose commercial or non-Government standards and industry-wide practices that meet the intent of military specifications and standards. **Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 28, 2018, to be considered in the formation of a final rule.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Cooking Products, Notice of Petition for Rulemaking](#)

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Reference AHAM

This document reopens the public comment period for submitting comments, data and information on the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) petition to withdraw the conventional cooking top test procedure published on April 25, 2018. The public comment period closed on June 25, 2018 and is reopened for 21 days until July 19, 2018. **DOE is reopening the comment period for AHAM's petition to withdraw the cooking top test procedure published on April 25, 2018 (83 FR 17944). Submit comments July 19, 2018.**

[Large Diameter Welded Pipe From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of large diameter welded pipe (welded pipe) from India for the period of investigation of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

Applicable June 29, 2018.

[Large Diameter Welded Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

Published 6/29/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of large diameter welded pipe (welded pipe) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) for the period of investigation of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable June 29, 2018.**

[Large Diameter Welded Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Determination](#)

Published 6/29/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers/exporters of large diameter welded pipe (welded pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of investigation of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable June 29, 2018.**

[Large Diameter Welded Pipe From the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of large diameter welded pipe (welded pipe) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) for the period of investigation of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable June 29, 2018.**

[Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Analysis of Exoskeleton-Use for Enhancing Human Performance Data Collection](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **Written comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2018.**

[Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee \(MCSAC\); Public Meeting](#)

Published 6/29/2018

Reference SAE

FMCSA announces that its MCSAC will meet on Monday and Tuesday, July 30-31, 2018. **The meeting will be held Monday-Tuesday, July 30-31, 2018, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).**
