

U.S. Federal Register Update: October 8 – October 12, 2018

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[Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities](#)

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Reference ANSI

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to remove the incorporation by reference of the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) WEQ-006 Time Error Correction Business Practice Standards as adopted by the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) in its WEQ Version 003.0 Businesses Practice Standards. The WEQ-006 Manual Time Error Correction Business Practice Standards previously defined the commercial based procedures to be used for reducing time error to keep the system's time within acceptable limits of true time. NAESB's latest version of its Business Practice Standards retires and eliminates its Manual Time Error Correction Business Practice Standards to correspond with the removal of the Time Error Correction requirements of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), which was approved by the Commission in 2017. The Commission also proposes to incorporate by reference Standard WEQ-000 (Version 003.2), which eliminates the definitions of "Time Error" and "Time Error Correction" as well as making unrelated minor corrections. **Comments are due November 13, 2018.**

[Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From the Philippines: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that Enlin Steel Corporation (Enlin), Vinoc Corporation (aka Vinoc Corporation) (Vinox) and E N Corporation should be treated as a single entity for purposes of cash deposit and liquidation rates. **Applicable October 10, 2018.**

[Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; American Society of Mechanical Engineers](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM

Notice is hereby given that, on September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), American Society of Mechanical Engineers ("ASME") 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, since January 23, 2018, ASME has published eight new standards, added one consensus committee charter, and initiated two new standards activities within the general nature and scope of ASME's standards development activities, as specified in its original notification. More detail regarding these changes can be found at www.asme.org.

[Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Antidumping Duty Order](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing an antidumping duty order on stainless steel flanges from India. **Applicable October 9, 2018.**

[Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment](#)

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Reference ASTM, SAE

This document proposes amendments to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard ("FMVSS") No. 108; Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment, to permit the certification of adaptive driving beam headlighting systems, if the manufacturer chooses to equip vehicles with these systems. Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (Toyota) petitioned NHTSA for rulemaking to amend FMVSS No. 108 to permit manufacturers the option of equipping vehicles with adaptive driving

beam systems. NHTSA has granted Toyota's petition and proposes to establish appropriate performance requirements to ensure the safe introduction of adaptive driving beam headlighting systems if equipped on newly manufactured vehicles. **You should submit your comments early enough to be received not later than December 11, 2018.**

[Amendment to Requirements for Consumer Registration of Durable Infant or Toddler Products](#)

Published 10/9/2018

Reference ASTM

In 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) fulfilled a statutory requirement in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) to issue a rule requiring manufacturers of durable infant or toddler products to establish a consumer registration program. The Commission now proposes to amend the definition of "durable infant or toddler product" in the rule to include the full statutory definition; clarify that the scope of each listed product category is further defined in the applicable mandatory standard; clarify listed product categories using the product name in the applicable mandatory standard; and clarify the scope of the infant carriers and bassinets and cradles product categories. **Submit comments by December 24, 2018.**

[Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures](#)

Published 10/12/2018

Reference ASTM

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the Agency's approval of alternative testing methods for use in measuring the levels of contaminants in drinking water and determining compliance with national primary drinking water regulations. The Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the EPA to approve the use of alternative testing methods through publication in the Federal Register. The EPA is using this authority to make 100 additional methods available for analyzing drinking water samples. This expedited approach provides public water systems, laboratories, and primacy agencies with more timely access to new measurement techniques and greater flexibility in the selection of analytical methods, thereby reducing monitoring costs while maintaining public health protection. **This action is effective October 12, 2018.**

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Mexico: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017](#)

Published 10/10/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from Mexico have been made below normal value. Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determines that a company for which we initiated a review had no shipments during the period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. **Applicable October 10, 2018.**

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017](#)

Published 10/10/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) have been made below normal value. Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determines that a company for which we initiated a review had no shipments during the period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. **Applicable October 10, 2018.**

[Michigan: Proposed Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision](#)

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Reference ASTM

Michigan has applied to EPA for final authorization of changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA has reviewed Michigan's application, and we have determined that these changes satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization, and we are proposing to authorize the State's changes. The EPA seeks public comment prior to taking final action. **Comments on this proposed rule must be received by November 9, 2018.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Extension of Waiver to Apple Inc. From the Department of Energy External Power Supply Test Procedure](#)

Published 10/10/2018

Reference IEC

The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) is granting a waiver extension (Case No. 2018-005) to Apple Inc. (“Apple”) to waive certain requirements of the DOE external power supply test procedure for determining the energy efficiency of the Apple brand external power supply basic model A1882. Under this extension, Apple is required to test and rate this basic model in accordance with the applicable DOE test procedure, with the exception that the Nameplate Output Current shall be 2A when testing at the lowest achievable output voltage. **The Extension of Waiver is applicable as of October 10, 2018. The Extension of Waiver will terminate upon the compliance date of any future amendment to the test procedure for external power supplies.**

[Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits](#)

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Reference ISO

In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. **Comments must be received on or before November 9, 2018.**

[Pilot Program for Collaborative Research on Motor Vehicles With High or Full Driving Automation](#)

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Reference SAE

NHTSA is seeking public comment on matters related to the near-term and long-term challenges of Automated Driving Systems (ADS) testing, development and eventual deployment. ADS testing and development are already underway in several areas of the United States. As technology evolves and in anticipation of requests to test and further develop high and full ADS, including those in vehicles without traditional controls necessary for a human driver, NHTSA is issuing this ANPRM to obtain public comments on the factors and structure that are appropriate for the Agency to consider in designing a national pilot program that will enable it to facilitate, monitor and learn from the testing and development of the emerging advanced vehicle safety technologies and to assure the safety of those activities.

The Agency seeks these comments from interested stakeholders, including State and local authorities, companies, researchers, safety advocates and other experts interested in, engaged in or planning to become engaged in the design, development, testing, and deployment of motor vehicles with high and full driving automation. The Agency also seeks comments from road users, including vehicle drivers and passengers, cyclists and pedestrians.

More specifically, NHTSA requests comments on the following topics related to ADS safety research. First, NHTSA seeks comments on potential factors that should be considered in designing a pilot program for the safe on-road testing and deployment of vehicles with high and full driving automation and associated equipment. Second, the Agency seeks comments on the use of existing statutory provisions and regulations to allow for the implementation of such a pilot program. Third, the Agency seeks comment on any additional elements of regulatory relief (e.g., exceptions, exemptions, or other potential measures) that might be needed to facilitate the efforts to participate in the pilot program and conduct on-road research and testing involving these vehicles, especially those that lack controls for human drivers and thus may not comply with all existing safety standards. Fourth, with respect to the granting of exemptions to enable companies to participate in such a program, the Agency seeks comments on the nature of the safety and any other analyses that it should perform in assessing the merits of individual exemption petitions and on the types of terms and conditions it should consider attaching to exemptions to protect public safety and facilitate the Agency's monitoring and learning from the testing and deployment, while preserving the freedom to innovate.

By developing a robust record of the answers to these important questions, NHTSA expects to learn more about the progress of ADS and the ways in which the Agency can facilitate safe and efficient ADS testing and deployment for the benefit of individual consumers and the traveling public as a whole. **Comments on this document are due no later than November 26, 2018.**
