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Forged Steel Fittings From India and the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations
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Reference ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL
On October 23, 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of forged steel fittings from India and the Republic of Korea (Korea), filed in proper form by Bonney Forge Corporation and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (USW) (collectively, the petitioners).[1] The Petitions were accompanied by a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of forged steel fittings from India.[2] The petitioners are a domestic producer of forged steel fittings and a certified union that represents workers who produce forged steel fittings.[3] To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that all interested parties submit scope comments by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on December 2, 2019, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on December 12, 2019, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comment deadline.

Forged Steel Fittings From India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation
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Reference ASME, ISO, SAE, UL
On October 23, 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of forged steel fittings from India, filed in proper form on behalf of Bonney Forge Corporation, a domestic producer of forged steel fittings, and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (USW), a certified labor union whose members include workers at the facilities in which the domestic like product is produced (collectively, the petitioners). The Petition was accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of forged steel fittings from India and the Republic of Korea (Korea). To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that all interested parties submit such comments by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on December 2, 2019, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on December 12, 2019, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comments deadline.

Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From France: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2018
Published 11/20/2019
Reference ASTM
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that the producer/exporter subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) November 14, 2016 through April 30, 2018.

Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews
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Reference ASTM
In response to a request for changed circumstances reviews (CCRs), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating CCRs of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on cast iron soil pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China (China). We have preliminarily determined that Wor-Biz Industrial Product Co., Ltd. (Anhui) (Wor-Biz Industrial) is the successor-in-interest to Wor-Biz Trading Co., Ltd. (Anhui) (Wor-Biz Trading) (collectively, Wor-Biz), and as a result should be accorded the same treatment previously accorded to that company. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

Alternative Method for Calculating Embrittlement for Steel Reactor Vessels
Published 11/19/2019
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a petition for rulemaking from Thomas A. Bergman, on behalf of NuScale Power, LLC, dated August 19, 2019, requesting that the NRC revise its regulations to alleviate a requirement for calculating the embrittlement for advanced reactor designs and to add the embrittlement trend curve formula for calculating the mean value of the transition temperature shift described in American Society for Testing and Materials E900-152 to the NRC's regulations and guidance documents. The petition was docketed by the NRC on September 11, 2019, and has been assigned Docket No. PRM-50-120. The NRC is examining the issues raised in PRM-50-120 to determine whether these issues should be considered in rulemaking. The NRC is requesting public comment on this petition at this time.

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the producers/exporters subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

This notice is a summary of petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below.

NMFS has received a request from Jordan Cove Energy Project, LP (JCEP) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to construction of the Jordan Cove Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) terminal and ancillary projects. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) allowing JCEP to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-year Renewal 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 any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. This project is being tracked on the Fast Act Permitting Dashboard which can be accessed at https://www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-projects/jordan-cove-lng-terminal-and-pacific-connector-gas-pipeline

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Miscellaneous Corrections
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to make miscellaneous corrections. These changes include removing obsolete language and correcting references, a typographical error, mailing, email, and web page addresses, grammatical errors, a division title, and a division address and title. This document is necessary to inform the public of these non-substantive amendments to the NRC’s regulations.

Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standard
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Reference: ANSI
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