

U.S. Federal Register Update: March 4 – March 8, 2019

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[National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Wood Building Products Residual Risk and Technology Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM

This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Surface Coating of Wood Building Products source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). In addition, we are taking final action addressing periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM). We are finalizing our proposed determination that the risks are acceptable and that the current NESHAP provides an ample margin of safety to protect public health. We identified no new cost-effective controls under the technology review to achieve further emissions reductions. These final amendments include provisions regarding electronic reporting, adding an alternative compliance equation under the current standards, and technical and editorial changes. This action also finalizes a new EPA test method to measure isocyanate compounds in certain surface coatings. These amendments are being made under the authority of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and will improve the effectiveness of the rule. The amendments are environmentally neutral. **This final rule is effective on March 4, 2019. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 4, 2019.**

[Steel Racks and Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

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Reference ANSI, CSA

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that steel racks and parts thereof (steel racks) from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) October 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018. **Applicable March 4, 2019.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to City of Juneau Waterfront Improvement Project](#)

Published 3/5/2019

Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Juneau Dock and Harbor waterfront improvement project in Juneau, Alaska. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA 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. **Comments and information must be received no later than April 4, 2019.**

[21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program](#)

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Reference ANSI, IEC, ISO

This proposed rule would implement certain provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act, including conditions and maintenance of certification requirements for health information technology (health IT) developers under the ONC Health IT Certification Program (Program), the voluntary certification of health IT for use by pediatric health care providers, and reasonable and necessary activities that do not constitute information blocking. The implementation of these provisions would advance interoperability and support the access, exchange, and use of electronic health information. The proposed rule would also modify the 2015 Edition health IT certification criteria and Program in additional ways to advance interoperability, enhance health IT certification, and reduce burden and costs. **To be assured consideration, written or electronic comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on May 3, 2019.**

[Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Interoperability and Patient Access for Medicare Advantage Organization and Medicaid Managed Care Plans, State Medicaid Agencies, CHIP Agencies and CHIP Managed Care Entities, Issuers of Qualified Health Plans in the Federally-Facilitated Exchanges and Health Care Providers](#)

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Reference ANSI

This proposed rule is intended to move the health care ecosystem in the direction of interoperability, and to signal our commitment to the vision set out in the 21st Century Cures Act and Executive Order 13813 to improve access to, and the quality of, information that Americans need to make informed health care decisions, including data about health care prices and outcomes, while minimizing reporting burdens on affected plans, health care providers, or payers. **To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on May 3, 2019.**

[Recent Postings of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM, CSA

This notice announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made under and in support of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018.

[Large Diameter Welded Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order](#)

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Reference ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing a countervailing duty order on large diameter welded carbon and alloy steel structural pipe from the People's Republic of China (China). **Applicable March 6, 2019.**

[Large Diameter Welded Pipe From India: Antidumping Duty Order](#)

Published 3/6/2019

Reference 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 large diameter welded carbon and alloy steel line pipe from India. **Applicable March 6, 2019.**

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Reference 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 large diameter welded carbon and alloy steel line and structural pipe from the People's Republic of China (China). **Applicable March 6, 2019.**

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[Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc. \(East Alton, IL\), as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

Published 3/4/2019

Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that SGS North America, Inc. (East Alton, IL), has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of September 5, 2018. **SGS North America, Inc., was accredited and approved as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of September 5, 2018. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for September 2021.**

[Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Safety Provisions for Lithium Batteries Transported by Aircraft \(FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018\)](#)

Published 3/6/2019

Reference SAE

PHMSA issues this interim final rule (IFR) to revise the Hazardous Materials Regulations for lithium cells and batteries transported by aircraft. This IFR prohibits the transport of lithium ion cells and batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft; requires lithium ion cells and batteries to be shipped at not more than a 30 percent state of charge aboard cargo-only aircraft when not packed with or contained in equipment; and limits the use of alternative provisions for small lithium cell or battery shipments to one package per consignment. This IFR does not restrict passengers or crew members from bringing personal items or electronic devices containing lithium cells or batteries aboard aircraft, or restrict cargo-only aircraft from transporting lithium ion cells or batteries at a state of charge exceeding 30 percent when packed with or contained in equipment or devices. **Effective date: This interim final rule is effective on March 6, 2019.**
