U.S. Federal Register Update: June 28 – July 2, 2021

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Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Consumer Products; Early Assessment Review: Dehumidifiers

Published 6/30/2021 Reference ANSI, AHAM

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review to determine whether to proceed with a rulemaking to amend the test procedure for dehumidifiers. Through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE seeks data and information regarding issues pertinent to whether an amended test procedure would more accurately or fully comply with the requirement that the test procedure produces results that measure energy use during a representative average use cycle for the product without being unduly burdensome to conduct. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information. Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before July 30, 2021.

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of Currently Approved Collection; Customer Satisfaction Assessment Survey

Published 7/2/2021

Reference ANSI

The Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Laboratory Division (LD) has submitted the following Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the established review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. **The Department of Justice encourages public comment and will accept input until August 2, 2021.**

Energy Conservation Program: Extension of Interim Waiver to AHT Cooling Systems GmbH and AHT Cooling Systems USA Inc. From the Department of Energy Commercial Refrigerator, Freezer, and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is granting an interim waiver extension (Case No. 2020-023) to AHT Cooling Systems GmbH and AHT Cooling Systems USA Inc. ("AHT") from specified portions of the DOE Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers (collectively "commercial refrigeration equipment" or "CRE") test procedure for determining the energy consumption of the specified AHT CRE basic models. Under this extension, AHT is required to test and rate the specified basic models in accordance with the alternate test procedure specified in the interim waiver. **The Extension of Interim Waiver is effective on June 30, 2021.**

<u>Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specific Activities; Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving and Removal Activities During the Metlakatla Seaplane Facility Refurbishment Project, Metlakatla, Alaska</u>

Published 6/29/2021

Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving/removal and down-the-hole drilling (DTH) activities during maintenance improvements to the existing Metlakatla Seaplane Facility (MSF) in Southeast Alaska. 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 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 July 29, 2021.**

<u>General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Immediate and Highest Level Owner for High-Security Leased</u> Space

Published 7/1/2021

Reference ANSI

GSA is amending the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to implement Section 3 and Section 5 requirements of the Secure Federal Leases from Espionage and Suspicious Entanglement Act (the Act or Secure Federal LEASES Act). The Act addresses the risks of foreign ownership of Government-leased real estate and requires the disclosure of ownership information for high-security space leased to accommodate a Federal agency. **Effective: June 30, 2021.**

Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design Certification Renewal

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Reference ANSI, ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to renew the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor standard design certification. Applicants or licensees intending to construct and operate a U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor standard design may do so by referencing this design certification rule. The applicant for the renewal of the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor standard design certification is General Electric-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC. The final rule is effective September 29, 2021, unless significant adverse comments are received by August 2, 2021. If the direct final rule is withdrawn as a result of such comments, timely notice of the withdrawal will be published in the Federal Register. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this regulation is approved by the Director of the Office of the Federal Register as of September 29, 2021.

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Dehumidifiers

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Reference AHAM

On June 4, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a request for information ("RFI") pertaining to the energy conservation standards for dehumidifiers. The notice provided an opportunity for submitting written comments, data, and information by July 6, 2021. On June 18, 2021, DOE received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers ("AHAM") to extend the public comment period by 30 days. DOE has reviewed this request and is granting a 15-day extension of the public comment period to allow public comments to be submitted until July 21, 2021. The comment period for the RFI published on June 4, 2021 (86 FR 29964), is extended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this RFI on or before July 21, 2021.

Information Collection: NRC Online Form, Request for Alternatives

Published 7/2/2021

Reference ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, NRC Online Form, "Request for Alternatives." Submit comments by August 31, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

Improvements for Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Test Procedures, and Other Technical Amendments

Published 6/29/2021

Reference ASME, ASTM, ISO, NFPA, NIST, SAE, UL

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending the test procedures for heavy-duty engines and vehicles to improve accuracy and reduce testing burden. EPA is also making other regulatory amendments concerning light-duty vehicles, heavy-duty vehicles, highway motorcycles, locomotives, marine engines, other nonroad engines and vehicles, and stationary engines. These amendments affect the certification procedures for exhaust emission standards and related requirements. EPA is finalizing similar amendments for evaporative emission standards for nonroad equipment and portable fuel containers. The amendments increase compliance flexibility, harmonize with other requirements, add clarity, correct errors, and streamline the regulations. Given the nature of the amendments, they will have neither significant environmental impacts nor significant economic impacts for any sector. This final rule is effective on July 29, 2021. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this regulation is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 29, 2021.

<u>Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Russian Federation: Final Affirmative</u> Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

Published 7/2/2021 Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the Russian Federation (Russia) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation, July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. **Applicable July 2, 2021.**

<u>Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Ukraine: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value</u>

Published 7/2/2021 Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from Ukraine are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation, July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. **Applicable July 2, 2021.**

<u>Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Final Affirmative</u>
Countervailing Duty Determination

Published 7/2/2021 Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). **Applicable July 2, 2021.**

<u>Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value</u>

Published 7/2/2021 Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. **Applicable July 2, 2021.**

<u>Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Russian Federation: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination</u>

Published 7/2/2021 Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (seamless pipe) from the Russian Federation (Russia). **Applicable July 2, 2021.**

<u>Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018-2019</u>

Published 7/1/2021 Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that producers and/or exporters subject to this administrative review did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019. **Applicable July 1, 2021.**

<u>Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination (Renewal)</u>

Published 6/30/2021 Reference ISO The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination (EPA ICR Number 0559.14, OMB Control Number 2080-0005) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through June 20, 2021. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on February 12, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. **Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 30, 2021.**

Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders

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Reference ISO

The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Models DG-808C and DG-1000T gliders. This proposed AD was prompted by mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as damaged fuel hoses due to environmental and fatigue deterioration. This proposed AD would require inspecting the polyurethane (PU) fuel hoses, replacing the PU fuel hoses if there is damage, and establishing a life limit for the PU fuel hoses. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. **The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 16, 2021.**

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Events and Efforts Supporting Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week

Published 6/28/2021

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 27, 2021.

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

Published 6/30/2021

Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Mission Support (OMS) is giving notice that it proposes to create a new system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. The Public Health Emergency Workplace Response System is being created to collect workplace safety and personnel information in response to a public health emergency such as a pandemic or epidemic. Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by July 30, 2021. New routine uses for this new system of records will be effective July 30, 2021.

TUV SUD America, Inc.: Applications for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards

Published 7/2/2021

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the applications of TUV SUD America, Inc. (TUVAM) for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the applications. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add one additional test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before July 19, 2021.