

U.S. Federal Register Update: February 7, 2022 – February 11, 2022

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Computer Room Air Conditioners](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ISO

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) proposes to amend its test procedure for computer room air conditioners (CRACs) to incorporate by reference the latest draft version of the relevant industry consensus test standard. DOE also proposes to adopt the net sensible coefficient of performance (NSenCOP) metric in its test procedures for CRACs. Additionally, DOE proposes to amend certain provisions for representations and enforcement. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this proposal), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information. **Comments: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) no later than April 8, 2022. See section V, "Public Participation," for details. Meeting: DOE will hold a webinar on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See section V, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Proposed Determination of Miscellaneous Gas Products as a Covered Consumer Product](#)

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Reference ANSI, CSA

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") has tentatively determined that miscellaneous gas products, which are comprised of decorative hearths and outdoor heaters, qualify as covered products under Part A of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"). DOE has tentatively determined that coverage of miscellaneous gas products is necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of EPCA, and that the average U.S. household energy use for miscellaneous gas products is likely to exceed 100 kilowatt-hours per year. **Written comments, data, and information are requested and will be accepted on or before April 8, 2022.**

[Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity](#)

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Reference ANSI, CSA, NFPA, SAE

This final rule amends the visual inspection labeling requirement in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 304, "Compressed natural gas fuel container integrity," by modifying the periodic inspection interval for compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel containers installed on vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds). The inspection interval for these vehicles is modified from the currently-specified interval, "at least every 36 months or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first," to "at least every 12 months." For commercial operators of CNG heavy vehicles that often travel 100,000 miles per year or more, this change will eliminate the need to perform unnecessary multiple visual inspections of their vehicles' CNG fuel containers per year. NHTSA believes this final rule is equally protective of safety as the cadence of inspection required by the current rule. This rulemaking commenced in response to petitions for rulemaking from the American Trucking Associations and Natural Gas Vehicles for America. **Effective date: This final rule is effective March 14, 2022. Compliance date: The compliance date for the amendments in this final rule is March 14, 2023. Optional early compliance is permitted. Petitions for reconsideration: Petitions for reconsideration of this final rule must be received not later than March 28, 2022.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Fans and Blowers](#)

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Reference ANSI

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") is evaluating potential energy conservation standards for fans and blowers, including air circulating fans. Through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE seeks data and information to help determine whether potential energy conservation standards for fans and blowers, including air circulating fans, would result in standards that are technologically feasible and economically justified while producing significant conservation of energy. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including

those topics not specifically 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 March 10, 2022.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the NOAA Port Facility Project in Ketchikan, Alaska](#)

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Reference ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to NOAA to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during construction activities associated with the NOAA Port Facility Project in Ketchikan, Alaska. **This Authorization is effective from February 3, 2022 through February 2, 2023.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards Preliminary Analysis for Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products](#)

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Reference AHAM

On January 21, 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) published a notification of a webinar and availability of a preliminary technical support document for miscellaneous refrigeration products (“MREFs”). The notification announced that a public meeting webinar would be held on February 17, 2022. On January 28, 2022, DOE received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (“AHAM”) to move the webinar date due to significant scheduling constraints. To accommodate these scheduling issues, DOE is moving the public meeting webinar for MREFs to Monday, March 7, 2022. **The public meeting webinar regarding the MREF preliminary analysis will now be held on March 7, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

[Magnesium Metal From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) continues to find that Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. (TMI) and Tianjin Magnesium Metal, Co., Ltd. (TMM) had no shipments of subject merchandise covered by the antidumping duty order on magnesium metal from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR) April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021. **Applicable February 9, 2022.**

[Modernization of the Labeling and Advertising Regulations for Distilled Spirits and Malt Beverages](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is amending certain of its regulations governing the labeling and advertising of distilled spirits and malt beverages to address comments it received in response to a notice of proposed rulemaking, Notice No. 176, published on November 26, 2018. On April 2, 2020, TTB finalized certain labeling amendments arising out of that proposed rule. This document finalizes the reorganization of, and addresses the remaining issues related to, the labeling of distilled spirits and malt beverages. Reorganizing the wine labeling regulations, and addressing the remaining labeling issues related to wine, as well as reorganizing and finalizing the regulations related to the advertising of wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages, will be accomplished in future rulemaking. The regulatory amendments in this document will not require industry members to make changes to alcohol beverage labels or advertisements but instead provide additional flexibility to make certain changes going forward. **This final rule is effective March 11, 2022.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reporting Harmful and Potentially Harmful Constituents in Tobacco Products and Tobacco Smoke Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act](#)

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Reference ISO

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the

notice. This notice solicits comments on Reporting Harmful and Potentially Harmful Constituents in Tobacco Products and Tobacco Smoke Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. **Submit either electronic or written comments on the collection of information by April 8, 2022.**

[Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. **The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.**
