

U.S. Federal Register Update: February 14 – February 18, 2022

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Powered Industrial Trucks Design Standard Update

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Reference ANSI, ASME

OSHA proposes updating the design and construction requirements of the powered industrial trucks standards for general industry and construction by incorporating by reference the applicable provisions of the most relevant national consensus standards from the American National Standards Institute/Industrial Truck Standards Development Foundation (ANSI/ITSDF). OSHA also proposes allowing employers to use powered industrial trucks not constructed in accordance with those national consensus standards incorporated by reference in the OSHA standards if the employer can demonstrate that the truck they use was designed and constructed in a manner that provides employee protection that is at least as effective as the national consensus standards incorporated by reference in OSHA's standards. **Submit written comments on this proposed rule, hearing requests, and other information (including comments on the information-collection (paperwork) determination described under section III.C. of the preamble) by May 17, 2022. All submissions must bear a postmark or provide other evidence of the submission date.**

Energy Conservation Program: Proposed Determination of Portable Electric Spas as a Covered Consumer Product

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Reference ANSI

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") has tentatively determined that portable electric spas qualify as a covered product under Part A of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"). DOE has tentatively determined that coverage of portable electric spas is necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of EPCA and that the average U.S. household energy use for portable electric spas is likely to exceed 100 kilowatt-hours per year. **Written comments, data, and information are requested and will be accepted on or before April 18, 2022.**

Safety Standard for Operating Cords on Custom Window Coverings; Notice of Opportunity for Oral Presentation of Comments

Published 2/15/2022

Reference ANSI

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) will be providing an opportunity for interested parties to present oral comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) the Commission issued regarding a safety standard for operating cords on custom window coverings. Any oral comments will be part of the rulemaking record. **The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on March 16, 2022, via webinar. All attendees should pre-register for the webinar online at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2824746947802696460>. Any individual interested in making an oral presentation must register for the webinar and submit a request to make an oral presentation to the Division of the Secretariat, along with the written text of the oral presentation, and such requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on March 2, 2022. All other individuals who wish to attend the hearing should register before the start of the hearing.**

Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses

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Reference ANSI, ASTM, ISO

Pursuant to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is issuing this final rule establishing a safety standard for crib mattresses, which includes full-size and non-full-size crib mattresses, as well as after-market mattresses for play yards and non-full-size cribs. CPSC is also finalizing an amendment to its regulations regarding third party conformity assessment bodies, to include the safety standard for crib mattresses in the list of notices of requirements (NORs) along with an amendment to the consumer registration rule, to identify crib mattresses as a durable infant or toddler product subject to consumer registration requirements. **This rule will become effective August 15, 2022. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 15, 2022.**

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Actions on Special Permits

Published 2/14/2022

Reference ASME

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 March 16, 2022.**

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

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Reference ISO

This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the Federal Register. **Dates: Monday, March 21, 2022; 1:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. and Tuesday, March 22, 2022; 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for New Special Permits

Published 2/14/2022

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 March 16, 2022.**

Amendments to Form PF To Require Current Reporting and Amend Reporting Requirements for Large Private Equity Advisers and Large Liquidity Fund Advisers

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Reference ISO

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") is proposing to amend Form PF, the confidential reporting form for certain SEC-registered investment advisers to private funds to require current reporting upon the occurrence of key events. The proposed amendments also would decrease the reporting threshold for large private equity advisers and require these advisers to provide additional information to the SEC about the private equity funds they advise. Finally, we are proposing to amend requirements concerning how large liquidity advisers report information about the liquidity funds they advise. The proposed amendments are designed to enhance the Financial Stability Oversight Council's ("FSOC") ability to monitor systemic risk as well as bolster the SEC's regulatory oversight of private fund advisers and investor protection efforts. **Comments should be received on or before March 21, 2022.**

National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee Meeting

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Reference NIST

The National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a virtual meeting via web conference on Wednesday, June 8, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 9, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to update the Committee on the progress of the NCST investigation focused on the impacts of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, progress of the NCST investigation focused on the Champlain Towers South partial building collapse that occurred in Surfside, Florida, and the implementation of recommendations from the Joplin tornado investigation. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <https://www.nist.gov/topics/disaster-failure-studies/national-construction-safety-team-ncst/advisory-committee-meetings>. **The NCST Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 8, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 9, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

693rd Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)

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Reference NIST

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232(b)), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold meetings on March 2-4, 2022. The Committee will be conducting meetings that will include some members being physically present at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) while

other members participating remotely. Interested members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely in any open sessions via 301-576-2978, passcode 639 858 982#. A more detailed agenda may be found at the ACRS public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs/agenda/index.html>.

[Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations](#)

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Reference NIST

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS). The purpose of this data collection is to provide the official source of statistics in the United States for nationally notifiable conditions. **CDC must receive written comments on or before April 15, 2022.**

[Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records](#)

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Acquisition Solutions is giving notice that it proposes to modify a system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. EPA's Acquisition System (EAS) is an automated contract writing and management system with configurable workflow used to initiate, award, modify, and track acquisition actions for the procurement of goods and services. The system of records notice for EPA Acquisition System (EAS) is being modified to reflect that the system is now hosted and data stored in Unison's Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud hosting environment, which is Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) authorized. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by March 18, 2022.**

[Agriculture Acquisition Regulation \(AGAR\)](#)

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Reference NIST

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing to make amendments to the Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) to align the AGAR with changes to acquisition law, regulations, and internal USDA policies since the AGAR's last major revision in 1996. **Interested parties should submit written comments on or before March 21, 2022 to be considered in the formation of the final rule.**

[Special Conditions: The Boeing Company, Model 737-10 Airplane; Dynamic Test Requirements for Single-Occupant, Oblique \(Side-Facing\) Seats Installed at 49 Degrees With Airbag Devices and 3-Point Restraints](#)

Published 2/14/2022

Reference SAE

These special conditions are issued for The Boeing Company (Boeing) Model 737-10 airplane. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport-category airplanes. This design feature is single-occupant oblique seats with airbag devices and 3-point restraints, installed at 49 degrees relative to the airplane cabin bow-to-stern centerline. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. **Effective February 14, 2022.**

[MET Laboratories, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

Published 2/15/2022

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. **Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before March 2, 2022.**

[TUV SUD America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Published 2/18/2022

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application 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 application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add two test standards 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 March 7, 2022.**
