

U.S. Federal Register Update: January 27 – January 31, 2020

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Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ASTM, NFPA , UL

This proposed rule would amend the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (the Construction and Safety Standards) by adopting recommendations made to HUD by the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC). The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (the Act) requires HUD to publish in the Federal Register any proposed revised Construction and Safety Standard submitted by the MHCC. The MHCC has prepared and submitted to HUD its third group of recommendations to improve various aspects of the Construction and Safety Standards. HUD has reviewed those proposals and has made editorial revisions to several and HUD proposes correlating additions for several of the proposals. HUD has decided not to go forward in this proposed rule with certain revisions recommended by the MHCC due to pending regulations for improving energy efficiency in manufactured homes currently being prepared by the Department of Energy. In addition, HUD has decided not to move forward with a new proposal to add requirements for draftstopping to the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards.

As agreed, these recommendations are being published to provide notice of the proposed revisions and an opportunity for public comment. **Comment Due Date: March 31, 2020.**

Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Canada: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

Published 1/30/2020

Reference ANSI, ASSE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain fabricated structural steel (fabricated structural steel) from Canada is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The final dumping margins of sales at LTFV are listed below in the "Final Determination" section of this notice. **Applicable January 30, 2020.**

Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

Published 1/30/2020

Reference ANSI, ASSE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain fabricated structural steel (fabricated structural steel) from the People's Republic of China (China) 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, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The final dumping margins of sales at LTFV are listed below in the "Final Determination" section of this notice. **Applicable January 30, 2020.**

Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Mexico: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

Published 1/30/2020

Reference ANSI, ASSE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain fabricated structural steel (fabricated structural steel) from Mexico. The period of investigation is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **Applicable January 30, 2020.**

Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

Published 1/30/2020

Reference ANSI, ASSE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and/or exporters of certain fabricated structural steel (fabricated structural steel) from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **Applicable January 30, 2020.**

[Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Canada: Final Negative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

Published 1/30/2020

Reference ANSI, ASSE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers and exporters of certain fabricated structural steel (fabricated structural steel) from Canada. The period of investigation is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **Applicable January 30, 2020.**

[Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Mexico: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

Published 1/30/2020

Reference ANSI, ASSE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain fabricated structural steel (fabricated structural steel) from Mexico is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The final dumping margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Final Determination" section of this notice. **Applicable January 30, 2020.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to THwaites Offshore Research \(THOR\) Project in the Amundsen Sea, Antarctica](#)

Published 1/31/2020

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 the National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Polar Programs on behalf of the University of Houston to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during a low-energy marine geophysical survey in the Amundsen Sea, Antarctica. **This Authorization is effective for one year from the January 24, 2020.**

[Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations](#)

Published 1/28/2020

Reference ANSI

Pursuant to section 189.a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person. This biweekly notice includes all amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from December 31, 2019, to January 13, 2020. The last biweekly notice was published on January 14, 2020. **Comments must be filed by February 27, 2020. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by March 30, 2020.**

[Streamlining and Aligning Formaldehyde Emission Control Standards for Certain Wood Products in Manufactured Home Construction With Title VI of the Toxic Substance Control Act](#)

Published 1/31/2020

Reference ASTM

HUD is issuing a final rule to implement the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act of 2010, which added Title VI to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The purpose of TSCA Title VI is to reduce exposures to formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products, thereby resulting in benefits from avoided adverse health effects. In addition, HUD is removing certain aspects of the current manufactured housing formaldehyde standards requirements that are not addressed by TSCA. This final rule follows publication of a March 22, 2019, proposed rule and takes into consideration the public comments received on the proposed rule. This final rule also incorporates by reference, ASTM D6007-14 and ASTM E1333-14, the current standard requirements for formaldehyde concentration and emissions rate air chamber testing. **This final rule is effective March 2, 2020. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 2, 2020.**

[Review of the Safety Standards for Full-Size Baby Cribs and Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs](#)

Published 1/31/2020

Reference ASTM

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is conducting a review of the safety standards for full-size baby cribs and non-full-size baby cribs under section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). That section requires the CPSC to review, within 10 years after their issuance, mandatory standards that have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The CPSC seeks comment to determine whether, consistent with the CPSC's statutory obligations, these standards should be maintained without change or modified to minimize significant impact of the rule on a substantial number of small entities. **Written comments should be submitted by March 31, 2020.**

[Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking To Establish a Safety Standard for Infant Sleep Products; Notice of Extension of Comment Period](#)

Published 1/28/2020

Reference ASTM

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (Supplemental NPR) to promulgate a consumer product safety standard for infant sleep products (infant sleep products) in the Federal Register on November 12, 2019. The Supplemental NPR invited the public to submit written comments during a 75-day comment period, beginning on the Supplemental NPR publication date, and ending on January 27, 2020. In response to a request for an extension of the comment period, the Commission is extending the comment period by 30 days. **Submit comments by February 26, 2020.**

[Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From the Republic of Turkey: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order](#)

Published 1/28/2020

Reference ASTM

As a result of this expedited sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty order on steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the levels as indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice. **Applicable January 28, 2020.**

[Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From the Republic of Turkey: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order](#)

Published 1/29/2020

Reference CSA

This document announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made under and in support of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019.

[Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993-National Fire Protection Association](#)

Published 1/30/2020

Reference NFPA

Notice is hereby given that, on January 6, 2020, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, NFPA has provided an updated and current list of its standards development activities, related technical committee and conformity assessment activities. Information concerning NFPA regulations, technical committees, current standards, standards development and conformity assessment activities are publicly available at nfpa.org.

On September 20, 2004, NFPA filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 21, 2004 (69 FR 61869).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 6, 2019. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 17, 2019 (84 FR 55585).
