

U.S. Federal Register Update: June 13 – June 17, 2022

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[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Direct Heating Equipment](#)

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Reference ANSI, CSA

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an effort to evaluate whether to establish energy conservation standards for a category of direct heating equipment ("DHE"), specifically consumer hearth heaters. This request for information ("RFI") solicits information from the public to help DOE determine whether potential standards for consumer hearth heaters would result in significant energy savings and whether such standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not specifically raised), 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 18, 2022.**

[Notice of Availability and Request for Comment: Revision to the Voluntary Standard for Frame Child Carriers](#)

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Reference ASTM

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (Commission or CPSC) mandatory rule, Safety Standard for Frame Child Carriers, incorporates by reference ASTM F2549-14a, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Frame Child Carriers. The Commission has received notice of a revision to this incorporated voluntary standard. CPSC seeks comment on whether the revision improves the safety of the consumer product covered by the standard. **Comments must be received by June 30, 2022.**

[Low Carbon Cements and Concretes Consortium](#)

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Reference ASTM, NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the United States Department of Commerce, in support of efforts to develop standards for low carbon construction materials, is establishing the Low Carbon Cements and Concretes Consortium ("Consortium"). The Consortium will bring together stakeholders to identify and address measurement and standards needs related to low carbon cements and concretes used to reduce the overall greenhouse gas emissions from cement and concrete products. The Consortium efforts are intended to develop measurement solutions and standards to improve measurement confidence, establish measurement traceability, and enable comparability in the measurements to quantify carbon and carbonate in low carbon cements and concretes. Participants will be required to sign a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA). **The Consortium's activities will commence on June 1, 2022 ("Commencement Date"). NIST will accept letters of interest to participate in this Consortium on an ongoing basis.**

[Airplane Fuel Efficiency Certification](#)

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Reference ASTM

This action proposes fuel efficiency requirements for certification of certain airplanes. These certification requirements would implement the emissions standards adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency, allowing manufacturers to certificate their aircraft for fuel efficiency in the United States, and fulfilling the statutory obligations of the FAA under the Clean Air Act. **Send comments on or before August 15, 2022.**

[CSA Group & Testing Certification Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference CSA, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of CSA Group & Testing Certification Inc., for expansion of the 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 July 5, 2022.**

[Clearing Agency; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Concerning Adoption of a Cybersecurity Attestation Program](#)

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Reference ISO, NIST

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on May 25, 2022, The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by OCC. OCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.

[2022/2023 Rates Charged for AMS Services](#)

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Reference ISO

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing the 2022/2023 rates it will charge for voluntary grading, inspection, certification, auditing, and laboratory services for a variety of agricultural commodities including meat and poultry, fruits and vegetables, eggs, dairy products, rice, and cotton and tobacco. The 2022/2023 regular, overtime, holiday, and laboratory services rates will be applied at the beginning of the crop year, fiscal year or as required by law depending on the commodity. Other starting dates are added to this notice based on cotton industry practices. This action establishes the rates for user-funded programs based on costs incurred by AMS. This year, cost-based analyses indicated the need to increase user fee rates in certain cases where current rates are insufficient to cover the costs of providing the service. While cost-saving measures have and will continue to be implemented, user fee rate increases are necessary to offset rising operational costs. In cases where current rates are sufficient to cover the costs of providing the service, user fee rates remain unchanged. **Date: June 15, 2022.**

[Request for Comments: National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols](#)

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Reference NFPA

This Request for public comment serves as a complementary document to the Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) proposed rule. The proposed rule provided that HUD would publish in the Federal Register a set of NSPIRE inspection standards to consolidate and align housing quality requirements and associated inspection standards across programs. After developing and testing draft standards, HUD now seeks public review and comment on the proposed NSPIRE physical inspection standards which would accompany HUD's final rule. Additionally, HUD is proposing changes to the list of life-threatening conditions and incorporating them into the NSPIRE inspection standards in place of codifying the list which HUD proposed in the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) of 2016—Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project Based Voucher Implementation: Additional Streamlining Changes” proposed rule. HUD will consider comments received in response to this request before publishing a final notice of standards in the Federal Register. **Comment Due Date: August 1, 2022.**

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

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM), Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Information (OSRTI), is giving notice that it proposes to modify a system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS) is being modified to expand the categories of records that may be housed in SEMS and the categories of individuals who may be covered by the system. Additionally, EPA is modifying SEMS to add General Routine Uses B, D, and M, modify General Routine Use L, and add three Specific Routine Uses. The new Specific Routine Uses are related to disclosure of records to protect the environment or public health or safety, including carrying out an investigation or response; to share information with the public in cases of emergency to protect the environment or public health and safety; and to respond to other external requests for information to support programmatic functions. This system of records is an electronic repository of Superfund documents routinely used to house and organize data and information regarding Superfund sites. Records contained in SEMS are used in support of programmatic functions including investigation; cleanup; program planning; community outreach; coordination with state, local and tribal entities; listing and de-listing of Superfund sites; enforcement activities; and

litigation. Information related to Superfund sites may be gathered under other statutory authorities because SEMS is an accessible repository for selected non-Superfund sites as well. Privacy is maintained by limiting access to the database containing confidential business and personal information. All exemptions and provisions included in the previously published System of Records Notice (SORN) for SEMS will transfer to the modified SORN for SEMS. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by July 15, 2022. New or Modified routine uses for this modified system of records will be effective July 15, 2022.**

[Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible To Received Universal Service Support](#)

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Reference NIST

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) seeks comment on a proposal by the ACAM Broadband Coalition (Coalition) to achieve widespread deployment of 100/20 Mbps broadband service throughout the rural areas served by carriers currently receiving Alternative Connect America Model (A-CAM) support. **Comments are due on or before July 18, 2022, and reply comments are due on or before August 1, 2022.**

[Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., for expansion of the 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 July 5, 2022.**

[FM Approvals LLC: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of FM Approvals LLC, for expansion of the 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 July 5, 2022.**

[Eurofins Electrical and Electronic Testing NA, Inc. a/k/a MET Laboratories, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Eurofins Electrical and Electronic Testing NA, Inc. a/k/a MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of the 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 July 5, 2022.**
