

U.S. Federal Register Update: July 16 – July 20, 2018

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Single Package Vertical Air Conditioners and Single Package Vertical Heat Pumps](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating a data collection process through this request for information ("RFI") to consider whether to amend DOE's test procedure for single package vertical air conditioners ("SPVACs") and single package vertical heat pumps ("SPVHPs"), collectively referred to as single package vertical units ("SPVUs"). To inform interested parties and to facilitate the process, DOE has gathered data, identifying several issues associated with the currently applicable test procedure on which DOE is interested in receiving comment. The issues outlined in this document mainly concern: Incorporation by reference of the applicable industry standard; efficiency metrics; clarification of test methods; and any additional topics that may inform DOE's decisions in a future test procedure rulemaking, including methods to reduce regulatory burden while ensuring the procedure's accuracy. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any of subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI). **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before September 4, 2018.**

[Steel Racks From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation](#)

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Reference ANSI

On June 20, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received an antidumping duty (AD) Petition concerning imports of steel racks from the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form on behalf of the Coalition of Fair Rack Imports (the petitioner). The AD Petition was accompanied by a countervailing duty (CVD) Petition concerning imports of steel racks from China.

On June 22, 2018, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition in two separate supplemental questionnaires, one dealing with general issues with the petition and the other with issues related to Volume II of the Petition.

The petitioner filed its responses to the supplemental questionnaires on June 26. On June 28, and June 29, 2018, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain areas of the Petition. The petitioner filed responses to Commerce's requests on June 29, and July 2, 2018. On July 5, 2018, we spoke with the petitioner regarding the scope language submitted in its July 2, 2018 submission. On July 9, 2018, the petitioner filed an amendment to the scope, further clarifying the scope language.

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that imports of steel racks from China are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing steel racks in the United States. Consistent with section 732(b)(1) of the Act, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegation.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(E) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the AD investigation that the petitioner is requesting. **Applicable July 10, 2018.**

[Certain Steel Racks From the People's Republic: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation](#)

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Reference ANSI

On June 20, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) Petition concerning imports of certain steel racks (steel racks) from the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form on behalf of the Coalition for Fair Rack Imports (the petitioner), the members of which are domestic producers of steel racks. The CVD Petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) Petition concerning imports of steel racks from China.

On June 22, 2018, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition in two separate supplemental questionnaires, one dealing with CVD programs and one primarily with scope clarification issues. The petitioner filed additional information on June 26, 2018.

On June 28, 2018, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to industry support and import statistics. The petitioner filed a response to Commerce's request on July 2, 2018. On July 5, 2018, we spoke with the petitioner regarding the scope language submitted in its July 2, 2018, submission. On July 9, 2018, the petitioner filed an amendment to the scope, further clarifying the scope language.

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of China (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of steel racks in China and that imports of such products are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic steel racks industry in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(E) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support necessary for the initiation of the requested CVD investigation. **Applicable July 10, 2018.**

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

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Reference ANSI, NFPA

Pursuant to Section 189a.(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 notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from June 18, 2018, to June 29, 2018. The last biweekly notice was published on July 3, 2018. **Comments must be filed by August 16, 2018. A request for a hearing must be filed by September 17, 2018.**

[Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits](#)

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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 August 20, 2018.**

[Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized,

collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. **All comments must be received on or before September 17, 2018.**

[Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From China; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Anti-Dumping Duty Investigations](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-591 and 731-TA-1399 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of common alloy aluminum sheet from China, provided for in subheadings 7606.11.30, 7606.11.60, 7606.12.30, 7606.12.60, 7606.91.30, 7606.91.60, 7606.92.30, and 7606.92.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") to be subsidized and sold at less-than-fair-value.

[Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part](#)

Published 7/17/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that cast iron soil pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017. **Applicable July 17, 2018.**

[Request for Comments Concerning Proposed Modification of Action Pursuant to Section 301: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation](#)

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Reference ASTM

On June 20, 2018 (83 FR 28710), the U.S. Trade Representative (Trade Representative) provided notice of an initial action in the Section 301 investigation of the acts, policies, and practices of the Government of China related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The initial action was the imposition of an additional 25 percent ad valorem duty on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$34 billion, effective July 6, 2018. The June 20 notice also sought public comment on another proposed action, in the form of an additional 25 percent ad valorem duty on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$16 billion. The public comment process in connection with the proposed additional action is ongoing. On July 6, 2018, China responded to the initial action by imposing increased duties on goods of the United States. In light of China's decision to respond to the investigation by imposing duties on U.S. goods, the Trade Representative proposes a modification of the action taken in this investigation. The proposed modification is to maintain the original \$34 billion action and the proposed \$16 billion action, and to take further action in the form of an additional 10 percent ad valorem duty on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion. The products subject to this proposed supplemental action are classified in the HTSUS subheadings set out in the Annex to this notice. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking public comment and will hold a public hearing regarding this proposed modification of the action in the investigation. **To be assured of consideration, you must submit comments and responses in accordance with the following schedule:**

July 27, 2018: Due date for filing requests to appear and a summary of expected testimony at the public hearing, and for filing pre-hearing submissions.

August 17, 2018: Due date for submission of written comments.

August 20-23, 2018: The Section 301 Committee will convene a public hearing in the main hearing room of the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

August 30, 2018: Due date for submission of post-hearing rebuttal comments.

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Reference IEC

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. **Comments must be received by September 18, 2018.**
