

U.S. Federal Register Update: December 23 – December 27, 2019

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Semiannual Agenda and Regulatory Plan

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Reference: ANSI

The Commission publishes its semiannual regulatory flexibility agenda in this document. The document also includes an agenda of regulatory actions that the Commission expects to be under development or review by the agency during the next year. This document meets the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866. The Commission welcomes comments on the agenda and on the individual agenda entries. Comments should be received in the Division of the Secretariat on or before **January 27, 2020**.

Importation of Prescription Drugs

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Reference: ANSI, ASTM, ISO

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is proposing to amend its regulations to implement a provision of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) to allow importation of certain prescription drugs from Canada. If the rule is finalized as proposed, States or certain other non-federal governmental entities would be able to submit importation program proposals to FDA for review and authorization. An importation program could be co-sponsored by a pharmacist, a wholesaler, or another State or non-federal governmental entity. The rule, when finalized, would contain all requirements necessary for a State or other non-federal governmental entity and its co-sponsors, if any, to demonstrate that their importation program will pose no additional risk to the public's health and safety. In addition, the proposed rule would require that the State or non-federal governmental entity and its co-sponsors, if any, explain why their program would be expected to result in a significant reduction in the cost of covered products to the American consumer. Submit either electronic or written comments on the proposed rule by **March 9, 2020**. Submit comments on information collection issues under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) by **January 22, 2020**.

Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Consumer Refrigeration Products

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Reference: AHAM, ASME, IEC, UL

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for consumer refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers, and miscellaneous refrigeration products (collectively "consumer refrigeration products"). The proposed test procedure amendments would, among other things, define the term "compartment," and revise the method for including the energy use of automatic icemakers and certain other energy-using functions. DOE is also proposing to adjust the standards for these products to ensure that this change in test methodology does not require manufacturers to increase the efficiency of already compliant products or allow previously non-compliant products to meet the current energy conservation standard. DOE is announcing a public meeting and comment period to collect comments and data on its proposal, and methods to reduce regulatory burden while ensuring the test procedures' representativeness of energy use during an average use cycle or period of use.

DOE will hold a public meeting on **January 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will also be broadcast as a webinar. See section V, "Public Participation," of this document for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this proposal no later than **February 21, 2020**. See section V, "Public Participation," for details.

Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Taiwan: Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018

Published: 12/27/2019

Reference: ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that there were no shipments of subject merchandise during the period of review (POR) November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Applicable **December 27, 2019**.

[Aluminum Wire and Cable From the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders](#)

Published: 12/23/2019

Reference: ASTM, UL

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on imports of aluminum wire and cable from the People's Republic of China (China). Applicable **December 23, 2019**.

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Turkey: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017](#)

Published: 12/23/2019

Reference: ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to Ozdemir Boru Profil San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti. (Ozdemir), an exporter/producer of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey), during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Applicable **December 23, 2019**.

[Energy Efficiency Program for Industrial Equipment: Interim Determination Classifying North Carolina Advanced Energy Corporation as a Nationally Recognized Certification Program for Electric Motors and Small Electric Motors](#)

Published: 12/23/2019

Reference: CSA

This notice announces an interim determination classifying North Carolina Advanced Energy Corporation as a nationally recognized certification program under the Department of Energy's (DOE's) regulations regarding recognition of nationally recognized certification programs and procedures for recognition and withdrawal of recognition of accreditation bodies and certification programs for electric and small electric motors. DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the Advanced Energy Petition until **January 22, 2020**.

[Semiannual Regulatory Agenda](#)

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Reference: IEC, ISO

Twice a year, in spring and fall, the Commission publishes in the Federal Register a list in the Unified Agenda of those major items and other significant proceedings under development or review that pertain to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (U.S.C. 602). The Unified Agenda also provides the Code of Federal Regulations citations and legal authorities that govern these proceedings. The complete Unified Agenda will be published on the internet in a searchable format at www.reginfo.gov.

[Evaluating Electromagnetic and Radio-Frequency Interference in Safety-Related Instrumentation and Control Systems](#)

Published: 12/27/2019

Reference: IEC, IEEE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.180, "Guidelines for Evaluating Electromagnetic and Radio-Frequency Interference in Safety-Related Instrumentation and Control Systems." RG 1.180 provides guidance on electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) practices and test methods that the staff of the NRC consider acceptable for qualifying safety-related instrumentation and control (I&C) systems for the expected electromagnetic environment in nuclear power plants. The RG would endorse, with certain exceptions, standards that were updated and corrected subsequent to the last time the NRC endorsed them in RG 1.180. More information on updates can be found in the "Supplementary Information" section below. Revision 2 to RG 1.180 is available on **December 27, 2019**.

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[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Incandescent Lamps](#)

Published: 12/27/2019

Reference: NEMA

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), directs DOE to initiate a rulemaking for general service lamps ("GSLs") that, among other requirements, determines whether standards in effect for general service incandescent lamps ("GSILs," a subset of GSLs) should be amended. On September 5, 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed determination ("NOPD") in which DOE initially determined that energy conservation standards for GSILs do not need to be amended. In this final determination, DOE responds to comments received on the September 2019 GSIL NOPD and does not adopt amended energy conservation standards for GSILs. DOE has determined that amended energy conservation standards for GSILs would not be economically justified. The effective date of this rule is **December 27, 2019**.

[Fall 2019 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions](#)

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Reference: NEMA

The Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared and is making available its portion of the semi-annual Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions (Agenda), including its Regulatory Plan (Plan), pursuant to Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review," and the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

[Anthropomorphic Test Devices, HIII 5th Percentile Female Test Dummy; Incorporation by Reference](#)

Published: 12/26/2019

Reference: SAE

This document proposes to revise the chest jacket and spine box specifications for the Hybrid III 5th Percentile Female Test Dummy (HIII-5F) set forth in Part 572, Anthropomorphic Test Devices. The proposed jacket revisions would resolve discrepancies between the jacket specifications in Subpart O and jackets available in the field, and ensure a sufficiently low level of variation between jackets fabricated by different manufacturers. The spine box revisions would eliminate a source of signal noise caused by fasteners within the box that may become loose. This rulemaking responds to a petition for rulemaking from the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. You should submit your comments early enough to be received not later than **February 24, 2020**. Proposed effective date: 45 days following date of publication of a final rule.
