

## U.S. Federal Register Update: November 13 – November 17, 2017

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### [Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part](#)

**Published** 11/16/2017

**Reference** ANSI

The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that certain hardwood plywood products (hardwood plywood) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) are being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final weighted-average dumping margins for the investigation on hardwood plywood from the PRC are listed in the "Final Determination Margins" section of this notice. **Applicable November 16, 2017.**

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### [Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination, and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part](#)

**Published** 11/16/2017

**Reference** ANSI

The Department of Commerce (Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain hardwood plywood products (hardwood plywood) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The period of investigation is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice. **Applicable November 16, 2017.**

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### [Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2018; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; and Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program](#)

**Published** 11/15/2017

**Reference** ANSI

This major final rule addresses changes to the Medicare physician fee schedule (PFS) and other Medicare Part B payment policies such as changes to the Medicare Shared Savings Program, to ensure that our payment systems are updated to reflect changes in medical practice and the relative value of services, as well as changes in the statute. In addition, this final rule includes policies necessary to begin offering the expanded Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program model. **These regulations are effective on January 1, 2018.**

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

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**Reference** ASME, 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. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft. **Comments must be received on or before November 29, 2017.**

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### [Congressional Nullification of the Stream Protection Rule Under the Congressional Review Act](#)

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**Reference** ASTM

By operation of the Congressional Review Act, the Stream Protection Rule shall be treated as if it had never taken effect. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement issues this document to effect the removal of any amendments, deletions or other modifications made by the nullified rule, and the reversion to the text of the regulations in effect immediately prior to the effective date of the Stream Protection Rule. **This rule is effective on November 17, 2017. The incorporation by reference of material listed in the rule was previously approved by the Director of the Federal Register.**

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### [Biodiesel From the Republic of Indonesia: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

**Published** 11/16/2017

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of biodiesel from the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia). The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. **Applicable November 16, 2017.**

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### [Biodiesel From the Republic of Argentina: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

**Published** 11/16/2017

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of biodiesel from the Republic of Argentina. The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. **Applicable November 16, 2017.**

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### [Carton-Closing Staples From China; Scheduling of the Final Phase of an Antidumping Duty Investigation](#)

**Published** 11/15/2017

**Reference** ASTM

The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-1359 (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 carton-closing staples from China, provided for in subheadings 8305.20.00 and 7317.00.65 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce to be sold at less than fair value.

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### [Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs](#)

**Published** 11/13/2017

**Reference** NEMA

This final rule with comment period revises the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) and the Medicare ambulatory surgical center (ASC) payment system for CY 2018 to implement changes arising from our continuing experience with these systems. In this final rule with comment period, we describe the changes to the amounts and factors used to determine the payment rates for Medicare services paid under the OPPS and those paid under the ASC payment system. In addition, this final rule with comment period updates and refines the requirements for the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program and the ASC Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program. **This final rule with comment period is effective on January 1, 2018, unless otherwise noted.**

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### [Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program](#)

**Published** 11/14/2017

**Reference** SAE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Rhode Island. These revisions include regulations to update the enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in Rhode Island. The revised program includes a test and repair network consisting of on-board diagnostic (OBD2) testing for model year 1996 and newer vehicles and tailpipe exhaust test, using a dynamometer, for model year 1995 and older vehicles. The intended effect of this action is to approve the revised program into the Rhode Island SIP. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act (CAA). **This direct final rule will be effective January 16, 2018, unless EPA receives adverse comments by December 14, 2017. If adverse comments are received, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the Federal Register informing the public that the rule will not take effect.**

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