

U.S. Federal Register Update: January 13 – January 17, 2020

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[Fair Housing Act Design and Construction Requirements; Adoption of Additional Safe Harbors](#)

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Reference ANSI

This rule proposes to amend HUD's Fair Housing Act design and construction regulations by incorporating by reference the 2009 edition of International Code Council (ICC) Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities (ICC A117.1-2009) standard, as a safe harbor. The Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities standard is a technical standard for the design of facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities. HUD proposes to determine that compliance with ICC A117.1-2009 satisfies the design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act and its amendments. This rule also proposes to designate the 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2018 editions of the International Building Code (IBC) as safe harbors under the Fair Housing Act. The IBC is a model building code and not law, but it has been adopted as law by various states and localities. The IBC provides minimum standards for public safety, health, and welfare as they are affected by building construction. **Comment Due Date: March 16, 2020.**

[Medical Devices; Exemption From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices; Powered Wheeled Stretcher](#)

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Reference ANSI, AAMI, IEC, ISO

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is publishing an order granting a petition requesting exemption from premarket notification (510(k)) requirements for powered wheeled stretchers (product code INK). These devices are battery-powered tables with wheels that are intended for medical purposes for use by patients who are unable to propel themselves independently and who must maintain a prone or supine position for prolonged periods because of skin ulcers or contractures (muscle contractions). This order exempts powered wheeled stretchers, class II devices, from 510(k) requirements, subject to certain conditions for exemption. This exemption from 510(k) requirements is immediately in effect for powered wheeled stretchers. FDA is publishing this order in accordance with the section of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) permitting the exemption of a device from the requirement to submit a 510(k). **This order is effective January 14, 2020.**

[Certain Hardwood Plywood From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Covered Merchandise Referral and Initiation of Scope Inquiry](#)

Published 1/17/2020

Reference ANSI

Pursuant to the Enforce and Protect Act of 2015 (EAPA), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a covered merchandise referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in connection with a CBP EAPA investigation concerning the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain hardwood plywood from the People's Republic of China (China). In accordance with EAPA, Commerce intends to determine whether the merchandise subject to the referral is covered by the scope of these orders and promptly transmit its determination to CBP. Commerce is providing notice of the referral and inviting participation from interested parties. **Applicable January 17, 2020.**

[Hazardous Materials: Information Collection Activities](#)

Published 1/16/2020

Reference ASME

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA invites comments on four Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control numbers pertaining to hazardous materials transportation. PHMSA intends to request renewal for these four control numbers from OMB. **Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 16, 2020.**

[Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018](#)

Published 1/16/2020

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that sales of seamless refined copper pipe and tube (copper pipe and tube) from the People's Republic of China (China) were made at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018. We further find that each of the companies for which an administrative review was requested, and not withdrawn, failed to demonstrate eligibility for a separate rate; therefore, each is part of the China-wide entity. **Applicable January 16, 2020.**

[EPA Method 23-Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources](#)

Published 1/14/2020

Reference ASTM

This action proposes editorial and technical revisions to the Environmental Protection Agency's Method 23 (Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans from Stationary Sources). Proposed revisions include incorporating isotope dilution for quantifying all target compounds and changing the method quality control from the current prescriptive format to a more flexible performance-based approach with specified performance criteria. We are also proposing revisions that will expand the list of target compounds of Method 23 to include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The proposed revisions will improve the accuracy of Method 23 and will provide flexibility to stack testers and analytical laboratories who measure semivolatile organic compounds (SVOC) from stationary sources while ensuring that the stack testing community can consistently implement the method across emissions sources and facilities. **Comments must be received on or before March 16, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Italy and the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations](#)

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Reference ASTM, SAE

On December 19, 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from the Federal Republic of Germany (Germany), India, Italy and the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form on behalf of the FEB Fair Trade Coalition, Ellwood Group, and Finkl Steel (collectively, the petitioners), domestic producers of fluid end blocks. The Petitions were accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of fluid end blocks from Germany, India and Italy.

On December 23, 2019 and January 2, 2020, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petitions in separate supplemental questionnaires. The petitioners filed responses to the supplemental questionnaires on December 30, 2019 through January 6, 2020. On January 6 and 7, 2020, the Governments of India and Italy, respectively, filed comments regarding the programs alleged in the Petitions. **Applicable January 8, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From the Federal Republic of Germany, India, and Italy: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations](#)

Published 1/15/2020

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[Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt LP \(Mobile, AL\) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

Published 1/14/2020

Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Saybolt LP (Mobile, AL), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for

the next three years as of May 15, 2019. **Saybolt LP (Mobile, AL) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of May 15, 2019. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2022.**

[Information Collection: Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities](#)

Published 1/13/2020

Reference ASTM

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the revision of an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities. **Submit comments by March 13, 2020. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.**

[Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers](#)

Published 1/15/2020

Reference ISO

We are proposing Rule 13q-1 and an amendment to Form SD to implement Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") relating to disclosure of payments by resource extraction issuers. Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act added Section 13(q) to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Section 13(q) directs the Commission to issue rules requiring resource extraction issuers to include in an annual report information relating to payments made to a foreign government or the Federal Government for the purpose of the commercial development of oil, natural gas, or minerals. Section 13(q) requires these issuers to provide information about the type and total amount of payments made for each of their projects related to the commercial development of oil, natural gas, or minerals, and the type and total amount of payments made to each government. In addition, Section 13(q) requires a resource extraction issuer to provide information about those payments in an interactive data format. **Comments should be received by March 16, 2020.**

[Request for Public Comment on Draft Desirable Characteristics of Repositories for Managing and Sharing Data Resulting From Federally Funded Research](#)

Published 1/17/2020

Reference ISO

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy is seeking public comments on a draft set of desirable characteristics of data repositories used to locate, manage, share, and use data resulting from Federally funded research. The purpose of this effort is to identify and help Federal agencies provide more consistent information on desirable characteristics of data repositories for data subject to agency Public Access Plans and data management and sharing policies, whether those repositories are operated by government or non-governmental entities. Optimization and improved consistency in agency-provided information for data repositories is expected to reduce the burden for researchers. Feedback obtained through this Request for Comments (RFC) will help to inform coordinated agency action. **To ensure that your comments will be considered, please submit your response on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on March 6, 2020.**

[Hazardous Materials: Notice of Actions on Special Permits](#)

Published 1/16/2020

Reference 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. **Comments must be received on or before February 18, 2020.**

[Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Vision Systems North America, Inc. Application for an Exemption](#)

Published 1/15/2020

Reference ISO

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its decision to grant Vision Systems North America, Inc.'s (VSNA) application for a limited 5-year exemption to allow motor carriers to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) with the company's Smart-Vision high definition camera monitoring system (Smart-Vision) installed as an alternative to the two rear-vision mirrors required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). The Agency has determined that granting the exemption to allow use of the Smart-Vision system in lieu of mirrors would likely achieve

a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety provided by the regulation. **This exemption is effective January 15, 2020 and ending January 15, 2025.**

[Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes](#)

Published 1/16/2020

Reference NEMA, SAE

The FAA is correcting an airworthiness directive (AD) that published in the Federal Register. That AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 series airplanes. As published, the service information reference specified in a certain paragraph of the regulatory text is incorrect. This document corrects that error. In all other respects, the original document remains the same. **This correction is effective January 21, 2020.**

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

Published 1/14/2020

Reference NFPA

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 17, 2019, to December 30, 2019. This notice also incorporates the revised biweekly format as noticed in the Federal Register on December 3, 2019. The last biweekly notice was published on December 31, 2019.

Comments must be filed by February 13, 2020. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by March 16, 2020.

[Request for Information Concerning Large Truck Crash Causal Factors Study](#)

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Reference SAE

FMCSA seeks information on how best to design and conduct a study to identify factors contributing to all FMCSA reportable large truck crashes (towaway, injury and fatal). Methodologically, the Agency seeks information on how best to balance sample representativeness, comprehensive data sources, ranges of crash types, and cost efficiency. The methodology should also address the use of on-board electronic systems which can generate information about speeding, lane departure, and hard braking. The study should be designed to yield information that will help FMCSA and the truck safety community to identify activities and other measures likely to lead to significant reductions in the frequency, severity, and crash rate involving commercial motor vehicles. As practicable, the study shall rank such activities and measures by the reductions each would likely achieve, if implemented. This RFI supports a two-part process to gather information for the development of a Large Truck Crash Causal Factors Study (LTCCFS) and to promote transparency and innovation by enabling the public, academics, experts, and industry to comment on how best to conduct this study. This study will help improve FMCSA and its State partners' ability to:

1. Evaluate crashes involving large trucks and identify emerging trends;
2. Monitor crash trends and identify causes and contributing factors; and
3. Develop effective safety improvement policies and programs.

Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 16, 2020.
