

U.S. Federal Register Update: June 15 – June 19, 2020

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[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys Off of Coastal Virginia](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from Dominion Energy Virginia (Dominion) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys in the areas of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Offshore Virginia (Lease No. OCS-A-0483) as well as in coastal waters where an export cable corridor will be established in support of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial (CVOW Commercial) Project. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. **Comments and information must be received no later than July 17, 2020.**

[Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiries and Scope Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders; Vietnam Assembly](#)

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Reference ANSI

In response to allegations of circumvention from the Coalition for Fair Trade in Hardwood Plywood (the petitioner), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating country-wide anti-circumvention inquiries to determine whether certain hardwood plywood products (plywood) completed in Vietnam using plywood components (face veneer, back veneer, and/or either an assembled core or individual core veneers) manufactured in the People's Republic of China (China), or Chinese components (assembled cores, multi-ply core panels, or individual core veneers) combined in Vietnam with other components (face and/or back veneers) manufactured in Vietnam or third countries, are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on plywood from China. We are also initiating scope inquiries to determine whether any of the products produced under various production scenarios alleged by the petitioner are covered by the scope of the AD/CVD orders on plywood from China. Finally, we are aligning the deadline for the scope inquiries associated with a covered merchandise referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) under the Enforce and Protect Act of 2015 (EAPA) with the anticircumvention inquiries. **Applicable June 17, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fittings From India and Korea; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Anti-Dumping Duty Investigations](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-631 and 731-TA-1463-1464 (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 forged steel fittings from India and Korea, provided for in subheadings 7307.92.30, 7307.92.90, 7307.93.30, 7307.93.60, 7307.93.90, 7307.99.10, 7307.99.30, and 7307.99.50 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. **Date: May 28, 2020.**

[Forged Steel Fittings From India: Amended Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM, ISO, SAE, UL

On March 30, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the Federal Register the preliminary determination of the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on forged steel fittings from India. Commerce is amending the scope of the preliminary determination. **Applicable June 18, 2020.**

[Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission](#)

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Reference IEC

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. **Written comments should be submitted on or before August 17, 2020. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.**

[Release of "Technology" to Certain Entities on the Entity List in the Context of Standards Organizations](#)

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Reference NIST

Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. (Huawei) and 114 of its foreign affiliates were added to the Entity List by the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) in 2019, but continue to participate in many important international standards organizations in which U.S. companies also participate. As international standards serve as the building blocks for product development and help ensure functionality, interoperability, and safety of the products, it is important to U.S. technological leadership that U.S. companies be able to work in these bodies in order to ensure that U.S. standards proposals are fully considered. Since Huawei's addition to the Entity List, organizations have consequently sought clarity about U.S. industry participation in standards development. BIS is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to authorize the release of certain technology to Huawei and its affiliates on the Entity List without a license if such release is made for the purpose of contributing to the revision or development of a "standard" in a "standards organization." For the purpose of this interim final rule, a "standard" is as defined in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119: Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities, and a "standards organization," is the equivalent of a "voluntary consensus standards body" as defined in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119: Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities. This interim final rule does not change the assessment of whether "technology" is subject to the EAR. BIS is requesting comments on the impact of these revisions. **This rule is effective June 18, 2020. Submit comments on or before August 17, 2020.**

[Issuance of Multiple Exemptions in Response to COVID-19; Public Health Emergency](#)

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued 16 exemptions in response to requests from 12 licensees. The exemptions allow these licensees temporary relief from certain requirements under NRC regulations. The exemptions are in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The NRC is issuing a single notice to announce the issuance of the exemptions. **The 16 exemptions were issued between May 7, 2020, and May 29, 2020.**
