

## U.S. Federal Register Update: June 17 – June 21, 2019

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### [Environmental Dosimetry-Performance Specifications, Testing, and Data Analysis](#)

**Published** 6/21/2019

**Reference** ANSI

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 4.13, "Environmental Dosimetry-Performance Specifications, Testing, and Data Analysis." Revision 2 provides updated guidance that the NRC staff considers acceptable for performing surveys and evaluations of public dose in the unrestricted area and the controlled area of a licensed facility from direct radiation using environmental dosimetry. The RG endorses the American National Standards Institute/Health Physics Society (ANSI/HPS) N13.37-2014, "Environmental Dosimetry-Criteria for System Design and Implementation." **Revision 2 to RG 4.13 is available on June 21, 2019.**

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### [Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity](#)

**Published** 6/21/2019

**Reference** ANSI, CSA, ISO, NFPA, SAE

In response to petitions for rulemaking from the American Trucking Associations (ATA) and the Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica), NHTSA is proposing to amend the visual inspection labeling requirement in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 304, "Compressed natural gas fuel container integrity," to state that CNG fuel containers used on heavy vehicles should be inspected at least once every 12 months. NHTSA is proposing this change because CNG heavy vehicles are typically used in high-mileage commercial fleet operations and following the current mileage-based inspection interval on the label means conducting multiple visual inspections per year. NHTSA has tentatively concluded multiple visual inspections per year based solely on mileage would not improve vehicle safety for these high-mileage CNG heavy vehicles, and could potentially reduce safety. Because the current periodic visual inspection interval is intended for light vehicles and is consistent with the operation of these vehicles, no change is proposed to the periodic visual inspection interval for CNG fuel containers on light vehicles. **Comments must be received on or before August 20, 2019.**

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### [Standards and Specifications for Timber Products Acceptable for Use by Rural Utilities Service Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers](#)

**Published** 6/18/2019

**Reference** ANSI, ASTM

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of U.S. Department of Agriculture, is amending its regulations on Electric and Telecommunications Standards and Specifications for Materials, Equipment and Construction, to make changes to Bulletin 1728F-700, RUS Specification for Wood Poles, Stubs and Anchor Logs; Bulletin 1728H-701, Specification for Wood Crossarms, Transmission Timbers, and Pole Keys; and Bulletin 1728H-702, Specification for Quality Control and Inspection of Timber Products (Wood Bulletins) to keep RUS standards current with the technology advances and consistent with the industry practice. The bulletins are provided as regulated specifications to RUS Electric Program borrowers for procurement of electric transmission and distribution line wood materials. **This final rule is effective June 18, 2019.**

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### [Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Chevron Richmond Refinery Long Wharf Maintenance and Efficiency Project in San Francisco Bay, California](#)

**Published** 6/19/2019

**Reference** ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that we have issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Chevron to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to the Long Wharf Maintenance and Efficiency Project (LWMEP) in San Francisco Bay, California. This authorization is effective from June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020.

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### [Steel Propane Cylinders From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination](#)

**Published** 6/21/2019

**Reference** ANSI, ASME, ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of steel propane cylinders from the People's Republic of China (China). **Applicable June 21, 2019.**

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### [Steel Propane Cylinders From the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

**Published** 6/21/2019

**Reference** ANSI, ASME, ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that steel propane cylinders 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). **Applicable June 21, 2019.**

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### [Steel Propane Cylinders From Thailand: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

**Published** 6/21/2019

**Reference** ANSI, ASME, ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that steel propane cylinders from Thailand are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). **Applicable June 21, 2019.**

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### [Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe \(Under 4.5 Inches\) From Romania: Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018](#)

**Published** 6/17/2019

**Reference** ASME, ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that there were no shipments of carbon and alloy seamless standard, line and pressure pipe (under 4.5 inches) (small diameter seamless pipe) from Romania during the period of review (POR) August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination of no shipments. **Applicable June 17, 2019.**

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### [Safety Standard for Stationary Activity Centers](#)

**Published** 6/18/2019

**Reference** ASTM

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to adopt safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. To comply with the CPSIA, the Commission is issuing a safety standard for stationary activity centers (SACs). This rule incorporates by reference ASTM F2012-18ε1, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Stationary Activity Centers (ASTM F2012-18ε1). This rule also amends the regulations for third party conformity assessment bodies to include the safety standard for SACs in the list of notices of requirements (NORs). **The rule will become effective on December 18, 2019. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 18, 2019.**

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### [Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers](#)

**Published** 6/18/2019

**Reference** IEEE, NEMA

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an effort to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for distribution transformers. Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended, DOE must review these standards at least once every six years and publish either a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") to propose new standards for distribution transformers or a notice of determination that the existing standards do not need to be amended. This request for information ("RFI") solicits information from the public to help DOE determine whether amended standards for distribution transformers would result in significant energy savings and whether such standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified. DOE welcomes written comments from the public

on any 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 August 2, 2019.

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**[Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of Antidumping Duty Order; Unpatented R-421A](#)**

**Published** 6/18/2019

**Reference** ISO

In response to a covered merchandise referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and allegations of circumvention from the American HFC Coalition (the petitioners), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of non-patented R-421A (a blend of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) components R-125 and R-134a) from the People's Republic of China (China) that are further processed into finished HFC blends in the United States are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on HFC blends from China. **Applicable June 18, 2019.**

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**[Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for March 2019](#)**

**Published** 6/20/2019

**Reference** UL

EPA is required under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, to make information publicly available and to publish information in the Federal Register pertaining to submissions under TSCA Section 5, including notice of receipt of a Premanufacture notice (PMN), Significant New Use Notice (SNUN) or Microbial Commercial Activity Notice (MCAN), including an amended notice or test information; an exemption application (Biotech exemption); an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), both pending and/or concluded; a notice of commencement (NOC) of manufacture (including import) for new chemical substances; and a periodic status report on new chemical substances that are currently under EPA review or have recently concluded review. This document covers the period from 03/01/2019 to 03/31/2019. **Comments identified by the specific case number provided in this document must be received on or before July 22, 2019.**

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**[Agency Information Collection Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation \(VAAR\) Clause 852.211-72, Technical Industry Standards](#)**

**Published** 6/21/2019

**Reference** UL

The Office of Management (OM), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. **Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 20, 2019.**

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