U.S. Federal Register Update: July 1 – July 5, 2019

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Designation of Product Categories for Federal Procurement

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is amending the Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement (Guidelines) to add 30 sections that will designate the product categories within which biobased products would be afforded procurement preference by Federal agencies and their contractors. These 30 product categories contain finished products that are made, in large part, from intermediate ingredients that have been designated for Federal procurement preference. Additionally, USDA is amending the existing designated product categories of general purpose de-icers, firearm lubricants, laundry products, and water clarifying agents. **This rule is effective August 5, 2019.**

Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for April 2019

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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 04/01/2019 to 04/30/2019. **Comments identified by the specific case number provided in this document must be received on or before August 5, 2019.**

Certain Collated Steel Staples From the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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Reference ASTM
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Promoting Aviation Safety

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Reference IEEE

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) proposes changes to the Aviation Radio Service rules to support the deployment of more advanced avionics technology, increase the efficient use of limited spectrum resources, and generally improve aviation safety. **Comments due by September 3, 2019. Reply comments due by September 30, 2019.**

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Metal Halide Lamp Fixtures

Published 7/1/2019

Reference NEMA, NFPA, UL

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is attempting to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for metal halide lamp fixtures. Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, DOE must review these standards at least once every six years and publish either a proposal to amend these standards or a notice of determination that the existing standards do not need amending. DOE is soliciting the public for information to help determine whether the current standards require amending under the applicable statutory criteria. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document, including topics not specifically raised. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before August 15, 2019.**

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

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Reference NFPA

This Notice provides guidelines that describe the application process for grants and the criteria the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will use for awarding Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. It explains the differences, if any, between these guidelines and those recommended by representatives of the Nation's fire service leadership during the annual Criteria Development meeting, which was held January 16-18, 2018. The application period for the FY 2018 FP&S Grant Program was open from November 12, 2018 to December 21, 2018, and was announced on the AFG website (www.fema.gov/firegrants), www.grants.gov, and the U.S. Fire Administration website (www.usfa.fema.gov). **Grant applications for the FP&S Grant Program were accepted electronically at https://portal.fema.gov, from November 12, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. ET to December 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**