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Revisions to Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources
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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM, ISO
This action proposes corrections and updates to regulations for source testing of emissions. The proposed rule includes corrections to testing provisions that contain inaccuracies, updates to outdated procedures, and approved alternative procedures that provide testers enhanced flexibility. The revisions will improve the quality of data but will not impose new substantive requirements on source owners or operators. Written comments must be received by March 27, 2018.

Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation: Trade Regulation Rule
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Reference ASHRAE, ASTM
The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) seeks comments on proposed amendments to its Trade Regulation Rule Concerning the Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation (“R-value Rule” or “Rule”). This document provides background on the R-value Rule and this proceeding; and discusses public comments received by the Commission and solicits further comments on the proposed amendments to clarify, streamline, and improve the Rule’s requirements. Written comments must be received on or before March 23, 2018. Parties interested in an opportunity to present views orally, should submit a request to do so as explained below, and such requests must be received on or before March 23, 2018.

Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination
Published 1/23/2018
Reference ASME, ASTM
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of stainless steel flanges from India. The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Applicable January 23, 2018.

Countervailing Duty Investigation of Stainless Steel Flanges From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination
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Reference ASME, ASTM
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers/exporters of stainless steel flanges from the People’s Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination. Applicable January 23, 2018.