

U.S. Federal Register Update: June 18 – June 22, 2018

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Water-Source Heat Pumps](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ISO

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating a data collection process through this RFI to consider whether to amend DOE's test procedure for commercial water-source heat pumps ("WSHPs"). To inform interested parties and to facilitate this process, DOE has gathered data, identifying several issues associated with the currently applicable test procedure on which DOE is interested in receiving comment. The issues outlined in this document mainly concern: Methods that are incorporated by reference by the applicable industry standard; efficiency metrics and calculations; additional specifications for the test methods; and any additional topics that may inform DOE's decisions in a future test procedure rulemaking, including methods to reduce regulatory burden while ensuring the test procedure's accuracy. 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 July 23, 2018.**

[Safety Standard for High Chairs](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) directs the Commission to issue standards for durable infant or toddler products. To comply with section 104 of the CPSIA, CPSC is issuing a safety standard for high chairs. This rule incorporates by reference ASTM F404-18, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs (ASTM F404-18). In addition, this rule amends the regulations regarding third party conformity assessment bodies to include the safety standard for high chairs in the list of Notices of Requirements (NORs). **The rule will become effective on June 19, 2019. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 19, 2019.**

[Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a petition for an incidental take regulation (ITR) from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). The requested ITR would govern the authorization of take of small numbers of marine mammals over the course of five years incidental to geophysical survey activities conducted by industry operators in Federal waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico (GOM). BOEM submitted the petition in support of oil and gas industry operators, who would conduct the activities. A final ITR would allow for the issuance of Letters of Authorization (LOA) to the aforementioned industry operators over a five-year period. As required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS requests comments on its proposed rule, including the following; the proposed regulations, several alternatives to the proposed regulations described in the "Proposed Mitigation" and "Alternatives for Consideration" sections of the preamble, two baselines against which to evaluate the incremental economic impacts of the proposed regulations (addressed in the "Economic Baseline" section), and, two sections with broader implications: A clarification of NMFS's interpretation and application of the "small numbers" standard (see the "Small Numbers" section of the preamble); and an alternative method for assessing Level B harassment from exposure to anthropogenic noise (see the "Estimated Take" section of the preamble). **Comments and information must be received no later than August 21, 2018.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys off of Rhode Island and Massachusetts](#)

Published 6/21/2018

Reference ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Deepwater Wind New England, LLC

(DWW), for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys off the coast of Rhode Island and Massachusetts in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0486) and along potential submarine cable routes to a landfall location in Rhode Island, Massachusetts or New York. **This Authorization is valid for one year from the date of issuance.**

[Safety Standard for Stationary Activity Centers](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASTM

The Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission, or CPSC) to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be “substantially the same as” applicable voluntary standards or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The Commission is proposing a safety standard for stationary activity centers in response to the direction under Section 104(b) of the CPSIA.

Submit comments by September 4, 2018.

[Steel Propane Cylinders From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ISO

On May 22, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of steel propane cylinders from the People's Republic of China (China), and antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of steel propane cylinders from China, Taiwan, and Thailand filed in proper form on behalf of Worthington Industries and Manchester Tank & Equipment Co. (the petitioners). The petitioners are domestic producers of steel propane cylinders. **Applicable June 11, 2018.**

[Steel Propane Cylinders From the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Thailand: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations](#)

Published 6/18/2018

Reference ANSI, ASME, ISO

On May 22, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of steel propane cylinders from People's Republic of China (China), Taiwan, and Thailand, and a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of steel propane cylinders from China filed in proper form on behalf of Worthington Industries and Manchester Tank & Equipment Co. (the petitioners). The petitioners are domestic producers of steel propane cylinders. **Applicable June 11, 2018.**

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

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Reference ASME

Pursuant to Section 189a.(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 notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from May 22, 2018, to June 4, 2018. The last biweekly notice was published on June 5, 2018. **Comments must be filed by July 19, 2018. A request for a hearing must be filed by August 20, 2018.**

[Children's Products, Children's Toys, and Child Care Articles: Determinations Regarding Lead, ASTM F963 Elements, and Phthalates for Engineered Wood Products](#)

Published 6/22/2018

Reference ASTM

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is issuing a final rule determining that certain untreated and unfinished engineered wood products (EWPs), specifically, particleboard, hardwood plywood, and medium-density fiberboard, made from virgin wood or pre-consumer wood waste do not contain lead, the ASTM F963 elements, or specified phthalates that exceed the limits set forth under the CPSC's statutes for children's products, children's toys, and child care articles. Based on these determinations, the specified EWPs would not be required to have third party testing for compliance with the requirements for lead, ASTM F963 elements, or phthalates for children's products, children's toys, and child care articles. **The rule is effective on July 23, 2018.**

[Antidumping Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, and Postponement of Final Determination](#)

Published 6/22/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that common alloy aluminum sheet (aluminum sheet) from the People's Republic of China (China) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less-than-fair value (LTFV). We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable June 22, 2018.**

[Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Turboprop and Turboshift Engines](#)

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Reference ASTM, IEC, ISO

We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Honeywell International Inc. (Honeywell) TPE331 turboprop and TSE331 turboshift engines. This AD was prompted by recent reports of failures of the direct drive fuel control gears and bearings in the hydraulic torque sensor gear assembly, part number (P/N) 3101726-3. This AD requires initial and repetitive engine oil filter sampling and analysis of the affected engines and inspections of certain hydraulic torque sensor gear assemblies. We are issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. **This AD is effective July 26, 2018.**

[Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2017](#)

Published 6/19/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) has completed its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pure magnesium from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR), May 1, 2016, through April 30, 2017. We continue to find that Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. (TMI) and Tianjin Magnesium Metal Co., Ltd. (TMM) (collectively, TMI/TMM) had no shipments of pure magnesium during the POR. **Applicable June 19, 2018.**

[National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions](#)

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Reference IEC, ISO

We are amending the regulations governing the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) by updating and clarifying several provisions, including those concerning NPIP participation, voting requirements, testing procedures, and standards. The changes in this final rule were voted on and approved by the voting delegates at the Plan's 2016 National Plan Conference. **Effective July 19, 2018.**
