
Extension of Time Limit of Final Results.

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), requires the Department to issue final results within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time period to a maximum of 180 days. Completion of the final results of the administrative review within the 120–day period in this case is not practicable because the Department conducted verification in the administrative review after publication of the preliminary results, and, therefore, needs additional time to complete post–preliminary results verification reports, invite and analyze comments by interested parties on the preliminary results and verification reports, and analyze information gathered at verification.

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time specified under the Act, we are fully extending the time period for issuing the final results of the administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. Therefore, the final results are now due no later than July 14, 2008, the next business day after 180 days from publication of the preliminary results. This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a) and 777(j) of the Act.

Dated: May 9, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 080505629–8631–01]

Interpretation of the International System of Units (the Metric System of Measurement) for the United States

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International System of Units (SI) (the metric system of measurement) has been recognized for use in the United States since 1866 (15 U.S.C. 204) and is the preferred system of measurement for trade and commerce. The SI was established and is maintained by the General Conference on Weights and Measures and is interpreted or modified for use in the United States by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) by authority of the Secretary of Commerce (15 U.S.C. 205). This notice describes the recent modifications to the SI and announces the publication of the latest interpretation of the SI for the United States in the 2008 Edition of NIST Special Publication 330 “The International System of Units.” The 2008 Edition of NIST Special Publication 811 “Guide for the Use of the International System of Units” was also published. Together these publications provide the legal interpretation of and guidelines for the use of the SI in the United States.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International System of Units (abbreviated as SI in all languages), generally known as the metric system, is the preferred system of measurement for use in trade and commerce in the United States (15 U.S.C. 205b) but use of traditional systems of weights and measures in non-business activities is permitted. The SI was established in 1960 by the General Conference of Weights and Measures (abbreviated CGPM in all languages) and is interpreted, or modified for, the United States by the Secretary of Commerce (15 U.S.C. 205c) who has delegated this authority to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The CGPM is an international organization established by the Meter Convention in 1875 in which more than 50 countries participate. One of the responsibilities of the CGPM is to ensure the SI reflects the latest advances in science and technology and provides a single international language for measurement. In 2006 the CGPM published changes to the SI in the 8th Edition of the Bureau of International Weights and Measures SI publication commonly known as the “SI Brochure.” This notice describes the modifications to the SI and announces the publication of the latest interpretation of the SI for the United States in the 2008 Edition of NIST Special Publication (SP) 330 “The International System of Units (SI).”

NIST SP 330 describes the history of the Meter Convention, explains how the International System of Units was developed, and describes the global effort to maintain the system. A comprehensive description of the SI’s base units, terminology, units and symbols is also provided. A description of the decimal system and the appropriate multiples and submultiples to be used in expressing units and values is included. Also provided are editorial style guidelines to ensure that SI values and units are properly formatted and clearly written. NIST has also published the 2008 Edition of its Special Publication 811 “Guide for the Use of the International System of Units (SI),” which includes additional guidance on the use of the SI and a broad range of conversion factors. When used together, these publications provide the most current interpretation of the SI and present the latest guidance on the use of the SI in the United States.

I. Changes to the International System of Units (SI)

The CGPM adopted the following changes in the 8th Edition (2006) of the SI Brochure and these have been
incorporated in the 2008 Edition of NIST SP 330:
  a. Full incorporation of the 2000 Supplement which clarified the
definition of the second and
corporated the new coherent SI unit
with a special name and symbol for the
mol s \(^{-1}\), the katal with symbol kat, for
expressing values of the quantity
catalytic activity;
  b. A discussion designated as “the set
of coherent SI units” was added to
clarify that the base and coherent
derived units of the SI form a coherent
set;
  c. New section entitled “Units for
quantities that describe biological
effects” was added in view of their
importance for human health and safety;
  d. New section entitled “Historical
note” was added to provide updated
information from Section 1.1 of the 7th
Edition;
  e. Appendix 1 was updated to include
all the recent decisions of the CIPM and
CGPM which impact the SI;
  f. Appendix 2, which discusses the
experimental realization of units, is
made available only in electronic form
on the BIPM Web site at http://
www.bipm.org/en/si/si_brochure/
appendix2/, so that it may be easily
updated between SI brochure versions;
and
  g. New Appendix 3 entitled “Units for
photochemical and photobiological
quantities,” was added to point out that
the SI already includes a SI base unit,
the candela, which is considered to be
a biological effects unit of importance
to industry and human health and safety.

II. Modifications to the SI for Its Use in
the United States

The 2008 Edition of NIST SP 330
differs from the “SI Brochure” to
conform to the language and customary
use of measurement units in the United
States:
  a. The spelling of English words is in
accordance with the United States
Government Printing Office Style
Manual, which follows Webster’s Third
New International Dictionary rather
than the Oxford Dictionary. Thus, the
spellings “meter,” “liter,” and “deca”
are used rather than “metre,” “litre,”
and “deka” as in the original BIPM
English text;
  b. The name of the unit with symbol
t is defined according to 1 t = 10\(^3\) kg
which is called “metric ton” rather than
“tonne;”
  c. The units curie, roentgen, rad,
and rem are included in Table 2;
  d. A number of Editors’ notes are
added in order to indicate differences
of interpretation and to clarify the text;
e. A few minor editorial changes are
made in order to “Americanize” some
phrases.

This notice supersedes the last
interpretation of the SI that was
published in the Federal Register
on July 28, 1998 (Vol. 63, No. 144—FR
40334—40340).

NIST SP 330, NIST SP 811, and other
useful information regarding the
International System of Units (SI) are
published electronically [http://
physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/index.html
and http://nist.gov/metric] and in hard
copy. Requests for hardcopies can be
sent to: TheSI@nist.gov

Although there is no formal comment
period, comments and suggestions on
the SI are invited and should be sent to
Dr. Ambler Thompson at the address
previously indicated.

Dated: May 9, 2008.

James M. Turner,
Deputy Director.

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Supplementary Information:
The Assistant Secretary for Administration,
with the concurrence of the General
Council, formally determined on March
4, 2008, that the meeting of the Judges
Panel will be closed pursuant to Section
10(d) of the Federal Advisory
Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as
amended by Section 5(c) of the
Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub.
L. 94–409. The meeting, which involves
examination of Award applicant data
from U.S. companies and other
organizations and a discussion of this
data as compared to the Award criteria
in order to recommend Award
recipients, may be closed to the public
in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of
Title 5, United States Code, because the
meetings are likely to disclose trade
secrets and commercial or financial
information obtained from a person
which is privileged or confidential.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and
Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige
National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards
and Technology, Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal
2, notice is hereby given that the Judges
Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National
Quality Award will meet Tuesday, June
3, 2008. The Judges Panel is composed
of twelve members prominent in the
fields of quality, innovation, and
mentoring process. The applications
will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at
Lecture Room A, Gaithersburg,
Maryland 20899.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

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Codeless and Semi-Codeless Access
to the Global Positioning System

AGENCY: Office of Space
Commercialization, National Oceanic
and Atmospheric Administration,
Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Space
Commercialization seeks comments on a
plan to transition the installed base of
codeless and semi-codeless Global
Positioning System (GPS) user
equipment to next-generation
equipment utilizing the modernized
civil GPS signals known as L2C and L5.
The plan was developed under the
auspices of the National Executive
Committee for Space-Based Positioning,
the plan, the Department of Defense, as
the operator of GPS, will continue