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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) [2297]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Nuclear power plant engineering; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Nuclear energy engineering (ICS code(s): 27.120)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Approval of the 2023 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and Code Cases, Revision 41; (28 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_01188_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the 2023 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. This action is in accordance with the NRC's policy to periodically update the regulations to incorporate by reference new editions of the ASME Codes and is intended to maintain the safety of nuclear power plants and to make NRC activities more effective and efficient. The NRC also is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions of three regulatory guides, which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed code cases published by the ASME. This proposed action would allow nuclear power plant licensees and applicants to use the code cases listed in these draft regulatory guides as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection, and inservice testing of nuclear power plant components. This proposed rule also incorporates minor editorial corrections. The NRC is requesting comments on this proposed rule, on the draft versions of three regulatory guides, and the draft version of an additional regulatory guide which will not be incorporated by reference.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents:

91 Federal Register (FR) 9733, 27 February 2026; [Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 50](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-27/html/2026-03993.htm>

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number NRC-2020-0029. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NRC-2020-0029/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number.

[Draft Regulatory Guide \(DG\) DG-1446](#) - RG 1.84, "Design, Fabrication, and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III," Revision 41

[Draft Regulatory Guide \(DG\) DG-1447](#) - RG 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," Revision 22

[Draft Regulatory Guide \(DG\) DG-1448](#) - RG 1.192, "Operation and Maintenance [OM] Code Case Acceptability, ASME OM Code," Revision 6

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 28 April 2026

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 28 April 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the NRC and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov