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Small Business Administration Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program--Additional Criterion for Seasonal Employers

Identifier: 1505-AC67

Fed. Reg. Number:

85 FR 23917

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Major Federal Rule

The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

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Jun 29, 2020

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Major Federal Rule

Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band

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Major Federal Rule

Regulatory Capital Rule: Transition for the Community Bank Leverage Ratio Framework

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Major Federal Rule

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES ABOUT GUARANTORS AND ISSUERS OF GUARANTEED SECURITIES AND AFFILIATES WHOSE SECURITIES COLLATERALIZE A REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES

Identifier: 3235-AM12

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Major Federal Rule

Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program

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Major Federal Rule

**NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR
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Identifier: 2060-AU48

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Apr 15, 2020

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85 FR 20838

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Major Federal Rule

Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program

Identifier: 3245-AH34

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Apr 15, 2020

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85 FR 20811

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Major Federal Rule

Regulatory Capital Rule: Paycheck Protection Program Lending Facility and Paycheck Protection Program Loans

Identifier:

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3064-AF49

Fed. Reg. Number:

85 FR 20387

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Major Federal Rule

PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN SCARCE OR THREATENED HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESOURCES FOR DOMESTIC USE

Identifier: 1660-AB01

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85 FR 20195

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Major Federal Rule

PROMOTING TELEHEALTH FOR LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS; COVID-19 TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Identifier: 3060-AK57

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85 FR 19892

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Major Federal Rule

PAID LEAVE UNDER THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

Identifier: 123-AA35

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Major Federal Rule

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Major Federal Rule

**REPRESENTATION--CASE PROCEDURES: ELECTION BARS; PROOF
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Major Federal Rule

**REGULATORY CAPITAL RULE: REVISED TRANSITION OF THE
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85 FR 17723

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Mar 31, 2020

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85 FR 17003

Effective Date:

May 20, 2020

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85 FR 16559

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85 FR 16232

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Major Federal Rule

Regulatory Capital Rule: Eligible Retained Income

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85 FR 15909

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Tobacco Products; Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements

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Legal Opinions

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Clean Air Act Waiver of Preemption

B-334309

Published: Nov 30, 2023.

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Services, Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention—Applicability of the
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Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years
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