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## **Tobacco Products; Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements**

Identifier: 0910-AI39

Fed. Reg. Number:

85 FR 15638

Effective Date:

Jun 18, 2021

Received: Apr 6, 2020

Priority:

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Major Federal Rule

## **RURAL BROADBAND LOANS, LOAN/GRANT COMBINATIONS, AND LOAN GUARANTEES**

Identifier: 0572-AC46

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

May 11, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 14393

Received: Feb 25, 2020

Major Federal Rule

## **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, LABOR STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION, AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS**

Identifier: 1205-AB85

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

May 11, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 14294

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Major Federal Rule

## **SECURITIZATION SAFE HARBOR RULE**

Identifier: 3064-AF09

Effective Date: May 4, 2020

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Received: Mar 12, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 12724

Major Federal Rule

## **JOINT EMPLOYER STATUS UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT**

Identifier: 3142-AA13

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Apr 27, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 11184

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Major Federal Rule

**REMOVING INABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN ENGLISH AS AN  
EDUCATION CATEGORY**

Identifier: 0960-AH86

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Apr 27, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 10586

Received: Feb 28, 2020

Major Federal Rule

**REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Identifier: 0578-AA70

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Feb 13, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 8131

Received: Feb 13, 2020

Major Federal Rule

**RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD PROGRAM: STANDARDS FOR 2020  
AND BIOMASS-BASED DIESEL VOLUME FOR 2021 AND OTHER  
CHANGES**

Identifier: 2060-AU42

Effective Date: Apr 6, 2020

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Received: Jan 14, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 7016

Major Federal Rule

## **RISK MITIGATION TECHNIQUES FOR UNCLEARED SECURITY-BASED SWAPS**

Identifier: 3235-AL83

Effective Date: Apr 6, 2020

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Received: Dec 20, 2019

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 6359

Major Federal Rule

## **EXTENSION OF COMPLIANCE DATE FOR ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING**

Identifier: 2126-AC25

Effective Date: Feb 4, 2020

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Received: Feb 4, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 6088

Major Federal Rule

## **CROSS-BORDER APPLICATION OF CERTAIN SECURITY-BASED SWAP REQUIREMENTS**

Identifier: 3235-AM13

Effective Date: Apr 6, 2020

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Received: Dec 20, 2019

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 6270

Major Federal Rule

## **STANDARDIZED APPROACH FOR CALCULATING THE EXPOSURE AMOUNT OF DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS**

Identifier: 3064-AE80

Effective Date: Apr 1, 2020

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Received: Feb 6, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 4362

Major Federal Rule

## **PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES BY FOREIGN PERSONS**

Identifier: 1505-AC64  
Fed. Reg. Number:  
85 FR 3112

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Feb 13, 2020  
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Major Federal Rule

## **PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BY FOREIGN PERSONS INVOLVING REAL ESTATE IN THE UNITED STATES**

Identifier: 1505-AC63  
Fed. Reg. Number:  
85 FR 3158

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Major Federal Rule

## **JOINT EMPLOYER STATUS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

Identifier: 1235-AA26  
Fed. Reg. Number:  
85 FR 2820

Effective Date:  
Mar 16, 2020  
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Major Federal Rule

## **INVESTING IN QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY FUNDS**

Identifier: 1545-BP04

Effective Date:

Priority:

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Mar 13, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 1866

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Major Federal Rule

**ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION  
STANDARDS FOR PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONERS**

Identifier: 1904-AD02

Effective Date:

Priority:

Fed. Reg. Number:

Mar 10, 2020

Significant/Substantive

85 FR 1378

Received: Jan 14, 2020

Major Federal Rule

**ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION  
STANDARDS FOR AIR COMPRESSORS**

Identifier: 1904-AC83

Effective Date:

Priority:

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Mar 10, 2020

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85 FR 1504

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Major Federal Rule

**ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION  
STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL PACKAGED BOILERS**

Identifier: 1904-AD01

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Mar 10, 2020

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85 FR 1592

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Major Federal Rule

## ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLIES

Identifier: 1904-AD69

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85 FR 1447

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## Legal Opinions



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Prevention—Applicability of the  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
—Applicability of the Congressional  
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Certain Healthcare Memoranda

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