

incorporated in the 2008 Edition of NIST SP 330:

a. Full incorporation of the 2000 Supplement which clarified the definition of the second and incorporated 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 = 10³ kg which is called “metric ton” rather than “tonne;”

c. The four units curie, roentgen, rad, and rem are included in Table 10;

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.

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Deputy Director.

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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 Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 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 performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Judging process and Judging process changes for 2008; role of Judges’ in award process; overview of scoring data; 2008 Baldrige award cycle; the Judges’ survey of applicants; and the Judges’ mentoring process. The applications under review by Judges contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 3, 2008 at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on June 3, 2008. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building,

Lecture Room A, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975–2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, 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 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, Navigation, and Timing (PNT). Under the plan, the Department of Defense, as the operator of GPS, will continue