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National Institute of Standards and Technology *Journal of Research*; *Publications of the National Institute of Standards and Technology*; *Handbook of Mathematical Functions*; *Experimental Statistics*; *International System of Units (SI)*; *Standard Reference Materials Catalog*; *Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices Handbook*; and *Uniform Laws and Regulations Handbook* are available from the Government Printing Office.

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