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PART 1010—PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS: GENERAL

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 1010.1 Scope.

The standards listed in this subchapter are prescribed pursuant to section 534 of Subchapter C—Electronic Product Radiation Control of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (formerly the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968) (21 U.S.C. 360kk) and are applicable to electronic products as specified herein, to control electronic product radiation from such products. Standards so prescribed are subject to amendment or revocation and additional standards may be prescribed as are determined necessary for the protection of the public health and safety.

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§ 1010.2 Certification.

- (a) Every manufacturer of an electronic product for which an applicable standard is in effect under this subchapter shall furnish to the dealer or distributor, at the time of delivery of such product, the certification that such product conforms to all applicable standards under this subchapter.

- (b) The certification shall be in the form of a label or tag permanently affixed to or inscribed on such product so as to be legible and readily accessible to view when the product is fully assembled for use, unless the applicable standard prescribes some other manner of certification. All such labels or tags shall be in the English language.
- (c) Such certification shall be based upon a test, in accordance with the standard, of the individual article to which it is attached or upon a testing program which is in accordance with good manufacturing practices. The Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health may disapprove such a testing program on the grounds that it does not assure the adequacy of safeguards against hazardous electronic product radiation or that it does not assure that electronic products comply with the standards prescribed under this subchapter.
- (d) In the case of products for which it is not feasible to certify in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, upon application by the manufacturer, the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health may approve an alternate means by which such certification may be provided.
- (e) Laser products under § 1040.10 of this chapter that incorporate a certified laser system (laser product) will be considered to have met the certification requirements in this section if all of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The incorporated laser system is not a laser product intended for use as a component or replacement as described in § 1040.10(a)(1) and (2) of this chapter;
 - (2) The manufacturer of the incorporated laser system has certified such laser system under this section and meets the reporting requirements under part 1002 of this chapter;
 - (3) The product incorporating the certified laser system is not independently subject to additional reporting or performance standards requirements;
 - (4) The incorporated laser system is not modified as defined in § 1040.10(i) of this chapter, and all performance features that apply to the incorporated laser system under § 1040.10(f) are available on the product incorporating the certified laser system;
 - (5) All labeling requirements that apply to the incorporated laser system under §§ 1010.2, 1010.3, 1040.10(g), and 1040.11(a)(3) of this chapter are visible on the outside of the product incorporating the certified laser system, with the exception that the certification or identification labels need not be visible on the outside of products incorporating a certified Class I laser;
 - (6) The incorporated laser system is installed in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the incorporated laser system, including instructions for placing additional externally facing labels found in paragraph (e)(5) of this section, and meeting the other conditions in paragraphs (e)(1) through (8) of this section;
 - (7) The manufacturer of the product that incorporates the laser system provides the end user with information required under § 1040.10(h)(1) of this chapter as provided to them by the manufacturer of the incorporated laser system; and
 - (8) The labeling requirements under part 1010 and § 1040.10(g) of this chapter for the incorporated laser system would be met in any service configuration of the product incorporating the laser system or when the incorporated laser system is removed from the product into which it had been incorporated, and reproductions of such labels are found in the user information.

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§ 1010.3 Identification.

- (a) Every manufacturer of an electronic product to which a standard under this subchapter is applicable shall set forth the information specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section. This information shall be provided in the form of a tag or label permanently affixed or inscribed on such product so as to be legible and readily accessible to view when the product is fully assembled for use or in such other manner as may be prescribed in the applicable standard. Except for foreign equivalent abbreviations as authorized in paragraph (a)(1) of this section all such labels or tags shall be in the English language.
 - (1) The full name and address of the manufacturer of the product; abbreviations such as “Co.,” “Inc.,” or their foreign equivalents and the first and middle initials of individuals may be used. Where products are sold under a name other than that of the manufacturer of the product, the full name and address of the individual or company under whose name the product was sold may be set forth, provided such individual or company has previously supplied the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health with sufficient information to identify the manufacturer of the product.
 - (2) The place and month and year of manufacture:
 - (i) The place of manufacture may be expressed in code provided the manufacturer has previously supplied the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health with the key to such code.
 - (ii) The month and year of manufacture shall be provided clearly and legibly, without abbreviation, and with the year shown as a four-digit number as follows in this paragraph. Alternatively, a manufacturer may utilize a manufacturing symbol and date format that conforms with an applicable FDA recognized consensus standard.

Manufactured: (Insert Month and Year of Manufacture.)

- (b) In the case of products for which it is not feasible to affix identification labeling in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, upon application by the manufacturer, the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health may approve an alternate means by which such identification may be provided.
- (c) Every manufacturer of an electronic product to which a standard under this subchapter is applicable shall provide to the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health a list identifying each brand name which is applied to the product together with the full name and address of the individual or company for whom each product so branded is manufactured.

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§ 1010.4 Variances.

- (a) *Criteria for variances.*
 - (1) Upon application by a manufacturer (including an assembler), the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, may grant a variance from one or more provisions of any performance standard under subchapter J of this chapter for an electronic product

subject to such standard when the Director determines that granting such a variance is in keeping with the purposes of Subchapter C—Electronic Product Radiation Control of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (formerly the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968), and:

- (i) The scope of the requested variance is so limited in its applicability as not to justify an amendment to the standard, or
- (ii) There is not sufficient time for the promulgation of an amendment to the standard.

(2) The issuance of the variance shall be based upon a determination that:

- (i) The product utilizes an alternate means for providing radiation safety or protection equal to or greater than that provided by products meeting all requirements of the applicable standard, or
- (ii) The product performs a function or is intended for a purpose which could not be performed or accomplished if required to meet the applicable standards, and suitable means for assuring radiation safety or protection are provided, or
- (iii) One or more requirements of the applicable standard are not appropriate, and suitable means for assuring radiation safety or protection are provided.

(b) **Applications for variances.** If you are submitting an application for variances or for amendments or extensions thereof:

(1) You must either:

- (i) Submit the variance application and supporting materials to CDRH by email using the RadHealthCustomerService@fda.hhs.gov mailbox; or
- (ii) Submit an original copy of the variance application by mail to: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Document Mail Center, Bldg. 66, Rm. G609, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002.

(2) The application for variance shall include the following information:

- (i) The variance number and expiration date.
- (ii) The amendment or extension requested and basis for the amendment or extension.
- (iii) A description of the effect of the amendment or extension on protection from radiation produced by the product.
- (iv) An explanation of how alternate or suitable means of protection will be provided.

(c) **Ruling on applications.**

(1) The Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, may approve or deny, in whole or in part, a requested variance or any amendment or extension thereof, and the director shall inform the applicant in writing of this action on a requested variance or amendment or extension. The written notice will state the manner in which the variance differs from the standard, the effective date and the termination date of the variance, a summary of the requirements and conditions attached to the variance, any other information that may be relevant to the application or variance, and, if appropriate, the number of units or other similar limitations for which the variance is approved. Each variance will be assigned an identifying number.

- (2) The Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, shall amend or withdraw a variance whenever the Director determines that this action is necessary to protect the public health or otherwise is justified by this subchapter. Such action will become effective on the date specified in the written notice of the action sent to the applicant, except that it will become effective immediately upon notification to the applicant when the Director determines that such action is necessary to prevent an imminent health hazard.
 - (3) All applications for variances and for amendments and extensions thereof and all correspondence (including written notices of approval) on these applications will be available for public disclosure in the office of the Dockets Management Staff, except for information regarded as confidential under section 537(e) of the act.
- (d) **Certification of equipment covered by variance.** The manufacturer of any product for which a variance is granted shall modify the tag, label, or other certification required by § 1010.2 to state:
- (1) That the product is in conformity with the applicable standard, except with respect to those characteristics covered by the variance;
 - (2) That the product is in conformity with the provisions of the variance; and
 - (3) The assigned number and effective date of the variance.

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§ 1010.5 Exemptions for products intended for United States Government use.

- (a) **Criteria for exemption.** Upon application by a manufacturer (including assembler) or by a U.S. department or agency, the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, may grant an exemption from any performance standard under subchapter J of this chapter for an electronic product, or class of products, otherwise subject to such standard when he determines that such electronic product or class is intended for use by departments or agencies of the United States and meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) (1) or (2) of this section.
- (1) The procuring agency shall prescribe procurement specifications for the product or class of products governing emissions of electronic product radiation, and the product or class shall be of a type used solely or predominantly by a department or agency of the United States.
 - (2) The product or class of products is intended for research, investigations, studies, demonstration, or training, or for reasons of national security.
- (b) **Consultation between the procuring agency and the Food and Drug Administration.** The United States department or agency that intends to procure or manufacture a product or class of products subject to electronic product radiation safety standards contained in this subchapter should consult with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, whenever it is anticipated that the specifications for the product or class must deviate from, or be in conflict with, such applicable standards. Such consultation should occur as early as possible during development of such specifications. The department or agency should include in the specifications all requirements of such standards that are not in conflict with, or are not inappropriate for, the special or unique uses for which the product is intended. The procuring agency should indicate to the Center for Devices and Radiological Health if it desires to be notified of the approval, amendment, or withdrawal of the exemption.

(c) **Application for exemption.** If you are submitting an application for exemption, or for amendment or extension thereof, you must submit two copies (original and redacted version) for confidential petitions to Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Otherwise, only one copy is necessary. For an exemption under the criteria prescribed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the application shall include the information prescribed in paragraphs (c)(1) through (13) of this section. For an exemption under the criteria prescribed in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the application shall include the information prescribed in paragraphs (c)(3) through (13) of this section. An application for exemption, or for amendment or extension thereof, and correspondence relating to such application shall be made available for public disclosure in Dockets Management Staff, except for confidential or proprietary information submitted in accordance with part 20 of this chapter. Information classified for reasons of national security shall not be included in the application. Except as indicated in this paragraph (c), the application for exemption shall include the following:

- (1) The procurement specifications for the product or class of products that govern emissions of electronic product radiation.
- (2) Evidence that the product or class of products is of a type used solely or predominantly by departments or agencies of the United States.
- (3) Evidence that such product or class of products is intended for use by a department or agency of the United States.
- (4) A description of the product or class of products and its intended use.
- (5) An explanation of how compliance with the applicable standard would restrict or be inappropriate for this intended use.
- (6) A description of the manner in which it is proposed that the product or class of products shall deviate from the requirements of the applicable standard.
- (7) An explanation of the advantages to be derived from such deviation.
- (8) An explanation of how means of radiation protection will be provided where the product or class of products deviates from the requirements of the applicable standard.
- (9) The period of time it is desired that the exemption be in effect, and, if appropriate, the number of units to be manufactured under the exemption.
- (10) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer or his agent.
- (11) The name, address, and telephone number of the appropriate office of the United States department or agency purchasing the product or class of products.
- (12) Such other information required by regulation or by the Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, to evaluate and act on the application. Where such information includes nonclinical laboratory studies, the information shall include, with respect to each nonclinical study, either a statement that each study was conducted in compliance with the requirements set forth in part 58 of this chapter, or, if the study was not conducted in compliance with such regulations, a statement that describes in detail all differences between the practices used in the study and those required in the regulations. When such information includes clinical investigations involving human subjects, the information shall include, with respect to each clinical investigation, either a statement that each investigation was conducted in compliance with the requirements set forth in part 56 of this chapter,

or a statement that the investigation is not subject to such requirements in accordance with § 56.104 or § 56.105 and a statement that each investigation was conducted in compliance with the requirements set forth in part 50 of this chapter.

- (13) With respect to each nonclinical laboratory study contained in the application, either a statement that the study was conducted in compliance with the requirements set forth in part 58 of this chapter, or, if the study was not conducted in compliance with such regulations, a brief statement of the reason for the noncompliance.

(d) **Amendment or extension of an exemption.** An exemption is granted on the basis of the information contained in the original application. Therefore, if changes are needed in the radiation safety specifications for the product, or its use, or related radiation control procedures such that the information in the original application would no longer be correct with respect to radiation safety, the applicant shall submit in advance of such changes a request for an amendment to the exemption. He also shall submit a request for extension of the exemption, if needed, at least 60 days before the expiration date. The application for amendment or extension of an exemption shall include the following information:

- (1) The exemption number and expiration date.
- (2) The amendment or extension requested and basis for the amendment or extension.
- (3) If the radiation safety specifications for the product or class of products or the product's or class of products' use or related radiation control procedures differ from the description provided in the original application, a description of such changes.

(e) **Ruling on an application.**

- (1) The Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, may grant an exemption including in the written notice of exemption such conditions or terms as may be necessary to protect the public health and safety and shall notify the applicant in writing of his action. The conditions or terms of the exemption may include specifications concerning the manufacture, use, control, and disposal of the excess or surplus exempted product of class of products as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 41, subtitle C. Each exemption will be assigned an identifying number.
- (2) The Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, shall amend or withdraw an exemption whenever he determines that such action is necessary to protect the public health or otherwise is justified by provisions of the act or this subchapter. Such action shall become effective on the date specified in the written notice of the action sent to the applicant, except that it shall become effective immediately when the Director determines that it is necessary to prevent an imminent health hazard.

(f) **Identification of equipment covered by exemption.** The manufacturer of any product for which an exemption is granted shall provide the following identification in the form of a tag or label permanently affixed or inscribed on such product so as to be legible and readily accessible to view when the product is fully assembled for use or in such other manner as may be prescribed in the exemption:

Caution

This electronic product has been exempted from Food and Drug Administration radiation safety performance standards prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, chapter I, subchapter J, pursuant to Exemption No. ____, granted on _____

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Subpart B—Alternate Test Procedures

§ 1010.13 Special test procedures.

The Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, may, on the basis of a written application by a manufacturer, authorize test programs other than those set forth in the standards under this subchapter for an electronic product if he determines that such products are not susceptible to satisfactory testing by the procedures set forth in the standard and that the alternative test procedures assure compliance with the standard.

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Subpart C—Exportation of Electronic Products

§ 1010.20 Electronic products intended for export.

The performance standards prescribed in this subchapter shall not apply to any electronic product which is intended solely for export if:

- (a) Such product and the outside of any shipping container used in the export of such product are labeled or tagged to show that such product is intended for export, and
- (b) Such product meets all the applicable requirements of the country to which such product is intended for export.

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