1976, including a device formerly marketed that has been substantially altered, is classified by statute (section 513(f) of the act) into class III without any grace period and FDA must have issued an order approving a PMA or declaring completed a PDP for the device before the device is commercially distributed unless it is reclassified. If FDA knows that a device being commercially distributed may be a "new" device as defined in this section because of any new intended use or other reasons, FDA may codify the statutory classification of the device into class III for such new use. Accordingly, the regulation for such a class III device states that as of the enactment date of the amendments, May 28, 1976, the device must have an approval under section 515 of the act before commercial distribution.

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§ 868.9 Limitations of exemptions from section 510(k) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act).

The exemption from the requirement of premarket notification (section 510(k) of the act) for a generic type of class I or II device is only to the extent that the device has existing or reasonably foreseeable characteristics of commercially distributed devices within that generic type or, in the case of in vitro diagnostic devices, only to the extent that misdiagnosis as a result of using the device would not be associated with high morbidity or mortality. Accordingly, manufacturers of any commercially distributed class I or II device for which FDA has granted an exemption from the requirement of premarket notification must still submit a premarket notification to FDA before introducing or delivering for introduction into interstate commerce the device when:

(a) The device is intended for a use different from the intended use of a legally marketed device in that generic type of device; e.g., the device is intended for a different medical purpose, or the device is intended for lay use where the former intended use was by health care professionals only;

(b) The modified device operates using a different fundamental scientific technology than a legally marketed device in that generic type of device; e.g., a surgical instrument cuts tissue with a laser beam rather than with a sharpened metal blade, or an in vitro diagnostic device detects or identifies infectious agents by using deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) probe or nucleic acid hybridization technology rather than culture or immunoassay technology; or

(c) The device is an in vitro device that is intended:

1. For use in the diagnosis, monitoring, or screening of neoplastic diseases with the exception of immunohistochemical devices;

2. For use in screening or diagnosis of familial or acquired genetic disorders, including inborn errors of metabolism;

3. For measuring an analyte that serves as a surrogate marker for screening, diagnosis, or monitoring life-threatening diseases such as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), chronic or active hepatitis, tuberculosis, or myocardial infarction or to monitor therapy;

4. For assessing the risk of cardiovascular diseases;

5. For use in diabetes management;

6. For identifying or inferring the identity of a microorganism directly from clinical material;

7. For detection of antibodies to microorganisms other than immunoglobulin G (IgG) or IgG assays when the results are not qualitative, or are used to determine immunity, or the assay is intended for use in matrices other than serum or plasma;

8. For noninvasive testing as defined in §812.3(k) of this chapter; and

9. For near patient testing (point of care).

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Subpart B—Diagnostic Devices

§ 868.1030 Manual algesimeter.

(a) Identification. A manual algesimeter is a mechanical device intended to determine a patient’s sensitivity to pain after administration of an anesthetic agent, e.g., by pricking with a sharp point.

(b) Classification. Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the
§ 868.1040  Powered algesimeter.

(a) Identification. A powered algesimeter is a device using electrical stimulation intended to determine a patient’s sensitivity to pain after administration of an anesthetic agent.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 868.1075  Argon gas analyzer.

(a) Identification. An argon gas analyzer is a device intended to measure the concentration of argon in a gas mixture to aid in determining the patient’s ventilatory status. The device may use techniques such as mass spectrometry or thermal conductivity.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 868.1100  Arterial blood sampling kit.

(a) Identification. An arterial blood sampling kit is a device, in kit form, used to obtain arterial blood samples from a patient for blood gas determinations. The kit may include a syringe, needle, cork, and heparin.

(b) Classification. Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to the limitations in § 868.9.

§ 868.1120  Indwelling blood oxyhemoglobin concentration analyzer.

(a) Identification. An indwelling blood oxyhemoglobin concentration analyzer is a photoelectric device used to measure, in vivo, the oxygen-carrying capacity of hemoglobin in blood to aid in determining the patient’s physiological status.

(b) Classification. Class III (premarket approval).

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of PDP is required. A PMA or notice of completion of a PDP is required to be filed with the Food and Drug Administration on or before September 21, 2004, for any indwelling blood oxyhemoglobin concentration analyzer that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976, or that has, on or before September 21, 2004, been found to be substantially equivalent to an indwelling blood oxyhemoglobin concentration analyzer that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other indwelling blood oxyhemoglobin concentration analyzer shall have an approved PMA or declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.

§ 868.1150  Indwelling blood carbon dioxide partial pressure (PCO₂) analyzer.

(a) Identification. An indwelling blood carbon dioxide partial pressure PCO₂ analyzer is a device that consists of a catheter-tip P CO₂ transducer (e.g., P CO₂ electrode) and that is used to measure, in vivo, the partial pressure of carbon dioxide in blood to aid in determining the patient’s circulatory, ventilatory, and metabolic status.

(b) Classification. Class II (special controls). The special control for this device is FDA’s “Class II Special Controls Guidance Document: Indwelling Blood Gas Analyzers; Final Guidance for Industry and FDA.”

§ 868.1170  Indwelling blood hydrogen ion concentration (pH) analyzer.

(a) Identification. An indwelling blood hydrogen ion concentration (pH) analyzer is a device that consists of a catheter-tip pH electrode and that is used to measure, in vivo, the hydrogen ion concentration (pH) in blood to aid in