§ 201.13 Standard for rail car operations.

Effective December 31, 1976, no carrier subject to this regulation shall operate any rail car or combination of rail cars which, while in motion produce sound levels in excess of (1) 75 km/hr (45 mph); or (2) 93 dB(A) at rail car speeds greater than 72 km/hr (45 mph); when measured in accordance with the criteria specified in Subpart C of this part with fast meter response at 30 meters (100 feet) from the centerline of any section of track having less than a two (2) degree curve (or a radius of curvature greater than 873 meters (2,865 feet)).

§ 201.14 Standard for retarders.

Effective January 15, 1984, no carrier subject to this regulation shall operate retarders that exceed an adjusted average maximum A-weighted sound level of 83 dB at any receiving property measurement location, when measured with fast meter response in accordance with Subpart C of this part.

§ 201.15 Standard for car coupling operations.

Effective January 15, 1984, no carrier subject to this regulation shall conduct car coupling operations that exceed an adjusted average maximum A-weighted sound level of 92 dB at any receiving property measurement location, when measured with fast meter response in accordance with Subpart C of this part, except, such coupling will be found in compliance with this standard and the carrier will be considered in compliance, if the railroad demonstrates that the standard is exceeded at the receiving property measurement locations (where the standard was previously exceeded) when cars representative of those found to exceed the standard are coupled at similar locations at coupling speeds of eight miles per hour or less.

§ 201.16 Standard for locomotive load cell test stands.

(a) Effective January 15, 1984, no carrier subject to this regulation shall operate locomotive load cell test stands that exceed an A-weighted sound level
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§ 201.22 Measurement instrumentation.

(a) A sound level meter or alternate sound level measurement system that meets, as a minimum, all the requirements of American National Standard S1.4–1971 for a Type 1 (or S1A) instrument must be used with the “fast” or “slow” meter response characteristic as specified in Subpart B. To insure Type 1 response, the manufacturer’s instructions regarding mounting or orienting of the microphone, and positioning of the observer must be observed. In the event that a Type 1 (or S1A) instrument is not available for determining non-compliance with this regulation, the measurements may be made with a Type 2 (or S2A), but with the measured levels reduced by the following amount to account for possible measurement instrument errors pertaining to specific measurements and sources:

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1 Amount of correction to be subtracted from measured level (dB).

(b) A microphone windscreen and an acoustic calibrator of the coupler type must be used as recommended by: (1) the manufacturer of the sound level meter or (2) the manufacturer of the microphone. The choice of both devices must be based on ensuring that Type 1 or 2 performance, as appropriate, is maintained for frequencies below 10,000 Hz.

Subpart C—Measurement Criteria

§ 201.20 Applicability and purpose.

The following criteria are applicable to and contain the necessary parameters and procedures for the measurement of the noise emission levels prescribed in the standards of Subpart B of this part. These criteria are specified in order to further clarify and define such standards. Equivalent measurement procedures may be used for establishing compliance with these regulations. Any equivalent measurement procedure, under any circumstance, shall not result in a more stringent noise control requirement than those specified in this regulation using the measurement procedures in Subpart C.

§ 201.21 Quantities measured.

The quantities to be measured under the test conditions described below, are the A-weighted sound levels for “fast” or “slow” meter response as defined in the American National Standard S1.4–1971.

§ 201.22 Measurement instrumentation.

The following quantity is to be measured when a sound level meter or alternate sound level measurement system meets, as a minimum, all the requirements of American National Standard S1.4–1971 for a Type 1 (or S1A) instrument in accordance with Subpart B.

1 Amount of correction to be subtracted from measured level (dB).

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