

is intended to compensate for impaired hearing. This generic type of device includes the air-conduction hearing aid and the bone-conduction hearing aid, but excludes the group hearing aid or group auditory trainer (§874.3320), master hearing aid (§874.3330), and tinnitus masker (§874.3400).

(b) *Classification*. (1) Class I (general controls) for the air-conduction hearing aid. The air-conduction hearing aid is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to §874.9.

(2) Class II for the bone-conduction hearing aid.

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§ 874.3305 Wireless air-conduction hearing aid.

(a) *Identification*. A wireless air-conduction hearing aid is a wearable sound-amplifying device, intended to compensate for impaired hearing that incorporates wireless technology in its programming or use.

(b) *Classification*: Class II (special controls). The special controls for this device are:

(1) Appropriate analysis/testing should validate electro magnetic compatibility (EMC) and safety of exposure to non-ionizing radiation;

(2) Design, description, and performance data should validate wireless technology functions; and

(3) Labeling should specify appropriate instructions, warnings, and information relating to EMC and wireless technology and human exposure to non-ionizing radiation.

(c) *Premarket notification*. The wireless air-conduction hearing aid is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to §874.9.

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§ 874.3310 Hearing aid calibrator and analysis system.

(a) *Identification*. A hearing aid calibrator and analysis system is an electronic reference device intended to calibrate and assess the electroacoustic frequency and sound intensity characteristics emanating from a hearing aid, master hearing aid,

group hearing aid or group auditory trainer. The device consists of an acoustic complex of known cavity volume, a sound level meter, a microphone, oscillators, frequency counters, microphone amplifiers, a distortion analyzer, a chart recorder, and a hearing aid test box.

(b) *Classification*. Class II.

§ 874.3320 Group hearing aid or group auditory trainer.

(a) *Identification*. A group hearing aid or group auditory trainer is a hearing aid that is intended for use in communicating simultaneously with one or more listeners having hearing impairment. The device is used with an associated transmitter microphone. It may be either monaural or binaural, and it provides coupling to the ear through either earphones or earmolds. The generic type of device includes three types of applications: hardwire systems, inductance loop systems, and wireless systems.

(b) *Classification*. Class II.

§ 874.3330 Master hearing aid.

(a) *Identification*. A master hearing aid is an electronic device intended to simulate a hearing aid during audiometric testing. It has adjustable acoustic output levels, such as those for gain, output, and frequency response. The device is used to select and adjust a person's wearable hearing aid.

(b) *Classification*. Class II.

§ 874.3375 Battery-powered artificial larynx.

(a) *Identification*. A battery-powered artificial larynx is an externally applied device intended for use in the absence of the larynx to produce sound. When held against the skin in the area of the voicebox, the device generates mechanical vibrations which resonate in the oral and nasal cavities and can be modulated by the tongue and lips in a normal manner, thereby allowing the production of speech.

(b) *Classification*. Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in

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subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to the limitations in § 874.9.

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§ 874.3400 Tinnitus masker.

(a) *Identification.* A tinnitus masker is an electronic device intended to generate noise of sufficient intensity and bandwidth to mask ringing in the ears or internal head noises. Because the device is able to mask internal noises, it is also used as an aid in hearing external noises and speech.

(b) *Classification.* Class II. The special control for this device is patient labeling regarding:

- (1) Hearing health care professional diagnosis, fitting of the device, and followup care,
- (2) Risks,
- (3) Benefits,
- (4) Warnings for safe use, and
- (5) Specifications.

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§ 874.3430 Middle ear mold.

(a) *Identification.* A middle ear mold is a preformed device that is intended to be implanted to reconstruct the middle ear cavity during repair of the tympanic membrane. The device permits an ample air-filled cavity to be maintained in the middle ear and promotes regeneration of the mucous membrane lining of the middle ear cavity. A middle ear mold is made of materials such as polyamide, polytetrafluoroethylene, silicone elastomer, or polyethylene, but does not contain porous polyethylene.

(b) *Classification.* Class II.

§ 874.3450 Partial ossicular replacement prosthesis.

(a) *Identification.* A partial ossicular replacement prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted for the functional reconstruction of segments of the ossicular chain and facilitates the conduction of sound wave from the tympanic membrane to the inner ear. The device is made of materials such as stainless steel, tantalum, polytetrafluoroethylene, polyethylene, polytetrafluoroethylene with carbon fibers composite, absorbable gelatin mate-

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rial, porous polyethylene, or from a combination of these materials.

(b) *Classification.* Class II.

§ 874.3495 Total ossicular replacement prosthesis.

(a) *Identification.* A total ossicular replacement prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted for the total functional reconstruction of the ossicular chain and facilitates the conduction of sound waves from the tympanic membrane to the inner ear. The device is made of materials such as polytetrafluoroethylene, polytetrafluoroethylene with vitreous carbon fibers composite, porous polyethylene, or from a combination of these materials.

(b) *Classification.* Class II.

§ 874.3540 Prosthesis modification instrument for ossicular replacement surgery.

(a) *Identification.* A prosthesis modification instrument for ossicular replacement surgery is a device intended for use by a surgeon to construct ossicular replacements. This generic type of device includes the ear, nose, and throat cutting block; wire crimper, wire bending die; wire closure forceps; piston cutting jib; gelfoam™ punch; wire cutting scissors; and ossicular finger vise.

(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 § 874.9. If the device is not labeled or otherwise represented as sterile, it is exempt from the current good manufacturing practice requirements of the quality system regulation in part 820 of this chapter, with the exception of § 820.180 of this chapter, with respect to general requirements concerning records, and § 820.198 of this chapter, with respect to complaint files.

[51 FR 40389, Nov. 9, 1986, as amended at 52 FR 32111, Aug. 25, 1987; 65 FR 2316, Jan. 14, 2000]

§ 874.3620 Ear, nose, and throat synthetic polymer material.

(a) *Identification.* Ear, nose, and throat synthetic polymer material is a device material that is intended to be implanted for use as a space-occupying