

Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 1003.1 Applicability.

The provisions of this part are applicable to electronic products which were manufactured after October 18, 1968.

§ 1003.2 Defect in an electronic product.

For the purpose of this part, an electronic product shall be considered to have a defect which relates to the safety of use by reason of the emission of electronic product radiation if:

(a) It is a product which does not utilize the emission of electronic product radiation in order to accomplish its purpose, and from which such emissions are unintended, and as a result of its design, production or assembly;

(1) It emits electronic product radiation which creates a risk of injury, including genetic injury, to any person, or

(2) It fails to conform to its design specifications relating to electronic radiation emissions; or

(b) It is a product which utilizes electronic product radiation to accomplish its primary purpose and from which such emissions are intended, and as a result of its design, production or assembly it;

(1) Fails to conform to its design specifications relating to the emission of electronic product radiation; or

(2) Without regard to the design specifications of the product, emits electronic product radiation unnecessary to the accomplishment of its primary purpose which creates a risk of injury, including genetic injury to any person; or

(3) Fails to accomplish the intended purpose.

§ 1003.5 Effect of regulations on other laws.

The remedies provided for in this subchapter shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedies provided by law and shall not relieve any person from liability at common law or under statutory law.

Subpart B—Discovery of Defect or Failure to Comply

§ 1003.10 Discovery of defect or failure of compliance by manufacturer; notice requirements.

Any manufacturer who discovers that any electronic product produced, assembled, or imported by him, which product has left its place of manufacture, has a defect or fails to comply with an applicable Federal standard shall:

(a) Immediately notify the Secretary in accordance with § 1003.20, and

(b) Except as authorized by § 1003.30, furnish notification with reasonable promptness to the following persons:

(1) The dealers or distributors to whom such product was delivered by the manufacturer; and

(2) The purchaser of such product and any subsequent transferee of such product (where known to the manufacturer or where the manufacturer upon reasonable inquiry to dealers, distributors, or purchasers can identify the present user).

(c) If a manufacturer is required to notify the Secretary under paragraph (a) of this section and also is required to report to the Food and Drug Administration under part 803 of this chapter, the manufacturer shall report in accordance with part 803. If a manufacturer is required to notify the Secretary under paragraph (a) of this section and is not required to report to the Food and Drug Administration under part 803, the manufacturer shall notify the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section.

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§ 1003.11 Determination by Secretary that product fails to comply or has a defect.

(a) If, the Secretary, through testing, inspection, research, or examination of reports or other data, determines that any electronic product does not comply with an applicable Federal standard issued pursuant to the Act or has a defect, he shall immediately notify the manufacturer of the product in writing specifying:

(1) The defect in the product or the manner in which the product fails to comply with the applicable Federal standard;

(2) The Secretary's findings, with references to the tests, inspections, studies, or reports upon which such findings are based;

(3) A reasonable period of time during which the manufacturer may present his views and evidence to establish that there is no failure of compliance or that the alleged defect does not exist or does not relate to safety of use of the product by reason of the emission of electronic product radiation.

The manufacturer shall have an opportunity for a regulatory hearing before the Food and Drug Administration pursuant to part 16 of this chapter.

(b) Every manufacturer who receives a notice under paragraph (a) of this section shall immediately advise the Secretary in writing of the total number of such product units produced and the approximate number of such product units which have left the place of manufacture.

(c) If, after the expiration of the period of time specified in the notice, the Secretary determines that the product has a defect or does not comply with an applicable Federal standard and the manufacturer has not applied for an exemption, he shall direct the manufacturer to furnish the notification to the persons specified in § 1003.10(b) in the manner specified in § 1003.21. The manufacturer shall within 14 days from the date of receipt of such directive furnish the required notification.

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Subpart C—Notification

§ 1003.20 Notification by the manufacturer to the Secretary.

The notification to the Secretary required by § 1003.10(a) shall be confirmed in writing and, in addition to other relevant information which the Secretary may require, shall include the following:

- (a) Identification of the product or products involved;
- (b) The total number of such product units so produced, and the approximate

number of such product units which have left the place of manufacture;

(c) The expected usage for the product if known to the manufacturer;

(d) A description of the defect in the product or the manner in which the product fails to comply with an applicable Federal standard;

(e) An evaluation of the hazards reasonably related to defect or the failure to comply with the Federal standard;

(f) A statement of the measures to be taken to repair such defect or to bring the product into compliance with the Federal standard;

(g) The date and circumstances under which the defect was discovered; and

(h) The identification of any trade secret information which the manufacturer desires kept confidential.

§ 1003.21 Notification by the manufacturer to affected persons.

(a) The notification to the persons specified in § 1003.10(b) shall be in writing and, in addition to other relevant information which the Secretary may require, shall include:

(1) The information prescribed by § 1003.20 (a), (d), and instructions with respect to the use of the product pending the correction of the defect;

(2) A clear evaluation in nontechnical terms of the hazards reasonably related to any defect or failure to comply; and

(3) The following statement:

The manufacturer will, without charge, remedy the defect or bring the product into compliance with each applicable Federal standard in accordance with a plan to be approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the details of which will be included in a subsequent communication to you.

Provided, That if at the time the notification is sent, the Secretary has approved a plan for the repair, replacement or refund of the product, the notification may include the details of the approved plan in lieu of the above statement.

(b) The envelope containing the notice shall not contain advertising or other extraneous material, and such mailings will be made in accordance with this section.

(1) No. 10 white envelopes shall be used, and the name and address of the