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## Subpart A—General

### § 7.1 Purpose and scope.

This part sets out requirements for MSHA approval of certain equipment and materials for use in underground mines whose product testing and evaluation does not involve subjective analysis. These requirements apply to products listed in the subparts following this Subpart A. After the dates specified in the following subparts, requests for approval of products shall be made in accordance with this Subpart A and the applicable subpart.

### § 7.2 Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this part.

*Applicant.* An individual or organization that manufactures or controls the assembly of a product and that applies to MSHA for approval of that product.

*Approval.* A document issued by MSHA which states that a product has met the requirements of this part and which authorizes an approval marking identifying the product as approved.

*Authorized company official.* An individual designated by applicant who has the authority to bind the company.

*Critical characteristic.* A feature of a product that, if not manufactured as approved, could have a direct adverse effect on safety and for which testing or inspection is required prior to shipment to ensure conformity with the technical requirements under which the approval was issued.

*Extension of approval.* A document issued by MSHA which states that the change to a product previously approved by MSHA under this part meets the requirements of this part and which authorizes the continued use of