

**§ 18.301**

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**Subpart C—Technical Standards**

**§ 18.301 Operating frequencies.**

ISM equipment may be operated on any frequency above 9 kHz except as indicated in §18.303. The following frequency bands, in accordance with §2.106 of the rules, are allocated for use by ISM equipment:

ISM frequency	Tolerance
6.78 MHz	±15.0 kHz
13.56 MHz	±7.0 kHz
27.12 MHz	±163.0 kHz
40.68 MHz	±20.0 kHz
915 MHz	±13.0 MHz
2,450 MHz	±50.0 MHz
5,800 MHz	±75.0 MHz
24,125 MHz	±125.0 MHz
61.25 GHz	±250.0 MHz

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ISM frequency	Tolerance
122.50 GHz	±500.0 MHz
245.00 GHz	±1.0 GHz

NOTE: The use of the 6.78 MHz ±15 kHz frequency band is subject to the conditions of footnote 524 of the Table of Allocations. See §2.106.

**§ 18.303 Prohibited frequency bands.**

Operation of ISM equipment within the following safety, search and rescue frequency bands is prohibited: 490–510 kHz, 2170–2194 kHz, 8354–8374 kHz, 121.4–121.6 MHz, 156.7–156.9 MHz, and 242.8–243.2 MHz.

**§ 18.305 Field strength limits.**

(a) ISM equipment operating on a frequency specified in §18.301 is permitted unlimited radiated energy in the band specified for that frequency.

(b) The field strength levels of emissions which lie outside the bands specified in §18.301, unless otherwise indicated, shall not exceed the following:

Equipment	Operating frequency	RF Power generated by equipment (watts)	Field strength limit (µV/m)	Distance (meters)
Any type unless otherwise specified (miscellaneous).	Any ISM frequency	Below 500	25	300
	Any non-ISM frequency	500 or more	25×SQRT(power/500)	1300
Industrial heaters and RF stabilized arc welders.	On or below 5,725 MHz	Any	15	300
	Above 5,725 MHz	Any	15×SQRT(power/500)	1300
Medical diathermy	Any ISM frequency	Any	10	1,600
	Any non-ISM frequency	Any	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Ultrasonic	Below 490 kHz	Any	25	300
		Any	15	300
Induction cooking ranges	Below 490 kHz	Below 500	2,400/F(kHz)	300
		500 or more	2,400/F(kHz)×SQRT(power/500).	1300
	490 to 1,600 kHz	Any	24,000/F(kHz)	30
	Above 1,600 kHz	Any	15	30
Induction cooking ranges	Below 90 kHz	Any	1,500	130
		On or above 90 kHz	Any	300

<sup>1</sup> Field strength may not exceed 10 µV/m at 1600 meters. Consumer equipment operating below 1000 MHz is not permitted the increase in field strength otherwise permitted here for power over 500 watts.

<sup>2</sup> Reduced to the greatest extent possible.

<sup>3</sup> Field strength may not exceed 10 µV/m at 1600 meters. Consumer equipment is not permitted the increase in field strength otherwise permitted here for over 500 watts.

<sup>4</sup> Induction cooking ranges manufactured prior to February 1, 1980, shall be subject to the field strength limits for miscellaneous ISM equipment.

(c) The field strength limits for RF lighting devices shall be the following:

Frequency (MHz)	Field strength limit at 30 meters (µV/m)
Non-consumer equipment:	
30–88	30
88–216	50
216–1000	70
Consumer equipment:	
30–88	10

Frequency (MHz)	Field strength limit at 30 meters (µV/m)
88–216	15
216–1000	20

**NOTES**

1. The tighter limit shall apply at the boundary between two frequency ranges.