(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 the limitations in §868.9. 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, with respect to general requirements concerning records, and §820.198, with respect to complaint files.


§ 868.5240 Anesthesia breathing circuit.

(a) **Identification.** An anesthesia breathing circuit is a device that is intended to administer medical gases to a patient during anesthesia. It provides both an inhalation and exhalation route and may include a connector, adaptor, and Y-piece.

(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 the limitations in §868.9.


§ 868.5250 Breathing circuit circulator.

(a) **Identification.** A breathing circuit circulator is a turbine device that is attached to a closed breathing circuit and that is intended to circulate anesthetic gases continuously by maintaining the unidirectional valves in an open position and reducing mechanical dead space and resistance in the breathing circuit.

(b) **Classification.** Class II (performance standards).

§ 868.5260 Breathing circuit bacterial filter.

(a) **Identification.** A breathing circuit bacterial filter is a device that is intended to remove microbiological and particulate matter from the gases in the breathing circuit.

(b) **Classification.** Class II (performance standards).

§ 868.5270 Breathing system heater.

(a) **Identification.** A breathing system heater is a device that is intended to warm breathing gases before they enter a patient’s airway. The device may include a temperature controller.

(b) **Classification.** Class II (performance standards).

§ 868.5280 Breathing tube support.

(a) **Identification.** A breathing tube support is a device that is intended to support and anchor a patient’s breathing tube(s).

(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 the limitations in §868.9.


§ 868.5300 Carbon dioxide absorbent.

(a) **Identification.** A carbon dioxide absorbent is a device intended for medical purposes that consists of an absorbent material (e.g., soda lime) that is intended to remove carbon dioxide from the gases in the breathing circuit.

(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 the limitations in §868.9.


§ 868.5310 Carbon dioxide absorber.

(a) **Identification.** A carbon dioxide absorber is a device that is intended for medical purposes and that is used in a breathing circuit as a container for carbon dioxide absorbent. It may include a canister and water drain.

(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 the limitations in §868.9.