§ 886.4100 Radiofrequency electrocautery apparatus.

(a) Identification. A radiofrequency electrocautery apparatus is an AC-powered or battery-powered device intended for use during ocular surgery to coagulate tissue or arrest bleeding by a high frequency electric current.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 886.4115 Thermal cautery unit.

(a) Identification. A thermal cautery unit is an AC-powered or battery-powered device intended for use during ocular surgery to coagulate tissue or arrest bleeding by heat conducted through a wire tip.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 886.4150 Vitreous aspiration and cutting instrument.

(a) Identification. A vitreous aspiration and cutting instrument is an electrically powered device, which may use ultrasound, intended to remove vitreous matter from the vitreous cavity or remove a crystalline lens.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 886.4170 Cryophthalmic unit.

(a) Identification. A cryophthalmic unit is a device that is a probe with a small tip that becomes extremely cold through the controlled use of a refrigerant or gas. The device may be AC-powered. The device is intended to remove cataracts by the formation of an adherent ice ball in the lens, to freeze the eye and adjunct parts for surgical removal of scars, and to freeze tumors.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 886.4230 Ophthalmic knife test drum.

(a) Identification. An ophthalmic knife test drum is a device intended to test the keenness of ophthalmic surgical knives to determine whether resharpening is needed.

(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 § 886.9. The device is also exempt from the current good manufacturing practice requirements of the quality system regulation in part 820 of this chapter, with the exception of § 820.190, with respect to general requirements concerning records, and § 820.198, with respect to complaint files.


§ 886.4250 Ophthalmic electrolysis unit.

(a) Identification. An ophthalmic electrolysis unit is an AC-powered or battery-powered device intended to destroy ocular hair follicles by applying a galvanic electrical current.

(b) Classification. Class I for the battery-powered device. Class II for the AC-powered device. The battery-powered device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter, subject to the limitations in § 886.9.


§ 886.4270 Intraocular gas.

(a) Identification. An intraocular gas is a device consisting of a gaseous fluid intended to be introduced into the eye to place pressure on a detached retina.

(b) Classification. Class III.

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of a PDP is required. As of May 28, 1976, an approval under section 515 of the act is required before this device may be commercially distributed. See § 886.3.

§ 886.4275 Intraocular fluid.

(a) Identification. An intraocular fluid is a device consisting of a nongaseous fluid intended to be introduced into the eye to aid performance of surgery, such as to maintain anterior chamber depth, preserve tissue integrity, protect tissue from surgical trauma, or function as a tamponade during retinal reattachment.

(b) Classification. Class III.

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of a PDP is required. As of May 28, 1976, an approval under section 515 of the act is required before this device may be commercially distributed. See § 886.3.

§ 886.4280 Intraocular pressure measuring device.

(a) Identification. An intraocular pressure measuring device is a manual or AC-powered device intended to measure intraocular pressure. Also included