(2) Antennas designed or intended to be used as outdoor TV receiving antennas (referred to in this rule as “TV antennas”).

(3) Antenna supporting structures, which are elements over 5 feet in length that are intended to support these types of antennas at a higher elevation. These structures include towers, tripods, and masts. Devices which merely secure the antenna in place are not included.


§ 1402.2 Background.

As a result of numerous electrocutions which have occurred when consumers contacted powerlines with CB base station and outside TV antennas while putting these antennas up or taking them down, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has determined that it is necessary to require that warnings and instructions be furnished with these antennas and their supporting structures so that consumers can be made aware of the hazards involved and of safe ways to put up and take down these antennas. The Commission anticipates that this regulation will help protect the public against the unreasonable risk of injury associated with CB base station antennas, outside TV antennas, and supporting structures due to contact with overhead powerlines.

§ 1402.3 Definitions.

(a) The definitions in section 3 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052) apply to this part 1402.

(b) Antenna supporting structures, CB base station antennas, and TV antennas are defined in §1402.1(b)(1) through (3).

§ 1402.4 Requirements to provide performance and technical data by labeling and instructions.

(a) Notice to purchasers. Manufacturers of CB base station antennas, TV antennas, and antenna supporting structures shall give notification of performance and technical data related to performance and safety to prospective purchasers of such products at the time of original purchase and to the first purchaser of such product for purposes other than resale, in the manner set forth below.

(1) Antennas. CB base station antennas and TV antennas shall be provided with the following:

(i) Label. (A) The antenna shall bear the label shown in fig. 1 so that the label will be conspicuous to the installer during installation.

(B) If pipe or tubular nontelescoping masts are a suitable supporting structure for the antenna, a separate label as shown in fig. 1 shall accompany the antenna. The label shall be suitable for mounting by the consumer on such a mast.

(C) The label in figure 1 shall be made and attached in such a manner that it will be legible for an average expected life of at least 3 years.

(D) The word “product” may be substituted for “antenna” in the label of fig. 1.

(E)(i) The colors in figure 1 shall conform to ANSI Standard Z53.1–1971, “Safety Color Code for Marking Physical Hazards,” published in 1971 by the American National Standards Institute, which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are available from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway,