
40 C.F.R. § 201.1

Definitions.

As used in this part, all terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Act:

- (a) *Act* means the Noise Control Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-574, 86 Stat. 1234).
- (b) *Car Coupling Sound* means a sound which is heard and identified by the observer as that of car coupling impact, and that causes a sound level meter indicator (FAST) to register an increase of at least ten decibels above the level observed immediately before hearing the sound.
- (c) *Carrier* means a common carrier by railroad, or partly by railroad and partly by water, within the continental United States, subject to the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, excluding street, suburban, and interurban electric railways unless operated as a part of a general railroad system of transportation.
- (d) *Classification of Railroads* means the division of railroad industry operating companies by the Interstate Commerce Commission into three categories. As of 1978, Class I railroads must have annual revenues of \$50 million or greater, Class II railroads must have annual revenues of between \$10 and \$50 million, and Class III railroads must have less than \$10 million in annual revenues.
- (e) *Commercial Property* means any property that is normally accessible to the public and that is used for any of the purposes described in the following standard land use codes (reference *Standard Land Use Coding Manual*. U.S. DOT/FHWA, reprinted March 1977): 53-59, Retail Trade; 61-64, Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Personal, Business and Repair Services; 652-659, Legal and other professional services; 671, 672, and 673 Governmental Services; 692 and 699, Welfare, Charitable and Other Miscellaneous Services; 712 and 719, Nature exhibitions and other Cultural Activities; 721, 723, and 729, Entertainment, Public and other Public Assembly; and 74-79, Recreational, Resort, Park and other Cultural Activities.
- (f) *dB(A)* is an abbreviation meaning A-weighted sound level in decibels, reference: 20 micropascals.
- (g) *Day-night Sound Level* means the 24-hour time of day weighted equivalent sound level, in decibels, for any continuous 24-hour period, obtained after addition of ten decibels to sound levels produced in the hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. (2200-0700). It is abbreviated as L_{dn} .

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