

**TITLE 35: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
SUBTITLE H: NOISE  
CHAPTER I: POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

**PART 905  
SOUND EMISSION STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS FOR SNOWMOBILES**

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**AUTHORITY:** Implementing Section 25 and authorized by Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1981, ch. 111 1/2, pars. 1025 and 1027).

**SOURCE:** Adopted at 5 Ill. Reg. 8533, effective August 10, 1981; codified at 7 Ill. Reg. 13579.

**Section 905.101 Exhaust Systems**

- a) No person shall operate or cause or allow the operation of a snowmobile unless the exhaust system of such snowmobile is:
  - 1) free from defects which interfere with sound reduction;
  - 2) equipped with a muffler or other dissipative device;
  - 3) not equipped with a cutout, by-pass or similar device.
- b) No person shall install any parts in or modify the cooling, intake, or exhaust system of a snowmobile in a manner which will amplify or increase the sound level emitted by that snowmobile above the level emitted by such snowmobile with the equipment originally installed on the snowmobile.
- c) No person shall operate or cause or allow the operation of a snowmobile which has been modified in a manner which will amplify or increase the sound level emitted by that snowmobile above the level emitted by such snowmobile with the equipment originally installed on the snowmobile.

**Section 905.102 Noise Emission Standards**

- a) No person shall operate or cause or allow the operation of a snowmobile manufactured after April 1, 1979 which generates a sound level in excess of 78 decibels on the A-scale at 50 feet when measured in accordance with procedures established under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900.103(e)(1).
- b) No person shall operate or cause or allow the operation of a snowmobile manufactured after April 1, 1979 which generates a sound level in excess of 73 decibels on the A-scale at 50 feet when measured in accordance with procedures established under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900.103(e)(2).

**Section 905.103 Certification Requirement for Registration of New Snowmobiles**

- a) No new snowmobile shall be registered for use in Illinois unless the application for registration includes a certification by the selling dealer that the snowmobile complies with Section 905.101 and the level of sound it emits does not exceed:
  - 1) 78 decibels on the A-scale at 50 feet when measured in accordance with procedures established under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900.103(e)(1).
  - 2) 73 decibels on the A-scale at 50 feet when measured in accordance with procedures established under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900.103(e)(2).
- b) Certification by the selling dealer that the snowmobile has been certified by the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee on or after April 1, 1979 is prima facie proof of compliance with subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2), provided that SSCC sound level requirements for certification remain identical to those contained in subparagraph (a).

**Section 905.104 Exemptions to Part 905**

- a) Sections 905.101 and 905.102 shall not apply to any snowmobile while being used lawfully for racing competition or timed racing events.
- b) Sections 905.101, 905.102, and 905.103 shall not apply to those snowmobiles described in Ill. Rev. Stat. 1981, ch. 95 1/2, par. 603-11 (C-D), as exempted from the numbering provision of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act.

- c) Section 905.103 shall not apply to those snowmobiles described in Ill. Rev. Stat. 1981, ch. 95 1/2, par. 603-11 (A-B) as exempted from the numbering provision of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act.

**Section 905.105 Compliance Dates for Part 905**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 905.104, every owner and operator of a snowmobile subject to this Part shall comply with the rules of this Part on and after November 8, 1981.

**Section 905.APPENDIX A OLD RULE NUMBERS REFERENCED**

The following table is provided to aid in referencing old Board rule numbers to section numbers pursuant to codification.

Old Part 6 of Chapter 8	35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 905
Rule 601	Section 905.101
Rule 602	Section 905.102
Rule 603	Section 905.103
Rule 604	Section 905.104
Rule 605	Section 905.105