

**§ 25.205 Minimum antenna elevation angle.**

(a) Earth station antennas must not transmit at elevation angles less than five degrees, measured from the horizontal plane to the direction of maximum radiation, in a frequency band shared with terrestrial radio services or in a frequency band with an allocation to space services operating in both the Earth-to-space and space-to-Earth directions. In other bands, earth station antennas must not transmit at elevation angles less than three degrees. In some instances, it may be necessary to specify greater minimum elevation angles because of interference considerations.

(b) ESAAs in aircraft on the ground must not transmit at elevation angles less than three degrees. There is no minimum angle of antenna elevation for ESAAs while airborne.

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**§ 25.206 Station identification.**

The requirement to transmit station identification is waived for all radio stations licensed under this part with the exception of earth stations subject to the requirements of § 25.281.

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**§ 25.207 Cessation of emissions.**

Space stations shall be made capable of ceasing radio emissions by the use of appropriate devices (battery life, timing devices, ground command, etc.) that will ensure definite cessation of emissions.

**§ 25.208 Power flux-density limits.**

(a) In the band 3650–4200 MHz, the power flux density at the Earth's surface produced by emissions from a space station for all conditions and for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values:

- 152 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;
- 152 +  $(\delta - 5)/2$  dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival  $\delta$  (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and
- 142 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane

These limits relate to the power flux density which would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

(b) In the bands 10.95–11.2 and 11.45–11.7 GHz for GSO FSS space stations and 10.7–11.7 GHz for NGSO FSS space stations, the power flux-density at the Earth's surface produced by emissions from a space station for all conditions and for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the lower of the following values:

- (1) –150 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane; –150 +  $(\delta - 5)/2$  dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival  $\delta$  (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and –140 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane; or
- (2) –126 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane; –126 +  $(\delta - 5)/2$  dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival  $\delta$  (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and –116 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.

(c) For a GSO space station in the 17.7–19.7 GHz, 22.55–23.55 GHz, or 24.45–24.75 GHz bands, or for an NGSO space station in the 22.55–23.55 GHz or 24.45–24.75 GHz bands, the PFD at the Earth's surface produced by emissions for all conditions and for all methods of modulation must not exceed the following values:

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (b): These limits relate to the power flux density, which would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

- (1) –115 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane.
- (2) –115 + 0.5  $(\delta - 5)$  dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival  $d$  (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane.
- (3) –105 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.

(d) In addition to the limits specified in paragraph (c) of this section, the power flux-density across the 200 MHz

band 18.6–18.8 GHz produced at the Earth’s surface by emissions from a space station under assumed free-space propagation conditions shall not exceed –95 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) for all angles of arrival. This limit may be exceeded by up to 3 dB for no more than 5% of the time.

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(n) The power-flux density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from a space station in the Fixed-Satellite Service (space-to-Earth), for all conditions and for all methods of modulation, shall not exceed the limits given in Table N. These limits relate to the power flux-density which would be obtained under assumed free-space conditions.

TABLE N—LIMITS OF POWER-FLUX DENSITY FROM SPACE STATIONS IN THE BAND 6700–7075 MHz

Frequency band	Limit in dB (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) for angle of arrival (δ) above the horizontal plane			Reference bandwidth
	0°–5°	5°–25°	25°–90°	
6700–6825 MHz .....	–137 .....	–137 + 0.5(δ – 5)	–127 .....	1 MHz.
6825–7075 MHz .....	–154 .....	–154 + 0.5(δ – 5)	–144 .....	4 kHz.
	and	and	and	
	–134 .....	–134 + 0.5(δ – 5)	–124 .....	1 MHz.

(o) In the band 12.2–12.7 GHz, for NGSO FSS space stations, the specified low-angle power flux-density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from a space station shall not be exceeded into an operational MVDDS receiver:

(1) –158 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 2 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

(2) –158 + 3.33(δ – 2) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 4 kHz band for angles of arrival (δ) (in degrees) between 2 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (O): These limits relate to the power flux density, which would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

(p) The power flux-density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from a space station in either the Earth exploration-satellite service in the band 25.5–27 GHz or the inter-satellite service in the band 25.25–27.5 GHz for all conditions and for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values:

–115 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–115 + 0.5(–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–105 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.

These limits relate to the power flux-density which would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

(q) In the band 37.5–40.0 GHz, the power flux-density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from a geostationary space station for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values.

(1) This limit relates to the power flux-density which would be obtained under assumed free space conditions (that is, when no allowance is made for propagation impairments such as rain-fade):

–139 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–139 + 4/3 (δ – 5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 5 and 20 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

–119 + 0.4 (δ – 20) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 20 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–117 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane;

(2) This limit relates to the maximum power flux-density which would be obtained anywhere on the surface of the Earth during periods when FSS system raises power to compensate for rain-fade conditions at the FSS Earth station:

–127 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–127 + 4/3 (δ–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 5 and 20 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

–107 + 0.4 (δ–20) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 20 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–105 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (q): The conditions under which satellites may exceed the power flux-density limits for normal free space propagation described in paragraph (p)(1) to compensate for the effects of rain fading are under study and have therefore not yet been defined. Such conditions and the extent to which these limits can be exceeded will be the subject of a further rulemaking by the Commission on the satellite service rules.

(r) In the band 37.5–40.0 GHz, the power flux-density at the Earth's surface produced by emissions from a non-geostationary space station for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values:

(1) This limit relates to the power flux-density which would be obtained under assumed free space conditions (that is, when no allowance is made for propagation impairments such as rain-fade):

–132 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–132 + 0.75 (δ–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

–117 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane;

(2) This limit relates to the maximum power flux-density which would be obtained anywhere on the surface of the Earth during periods when FSS system raises power to compensate for rain-fade conditions at the FSS Earth station:

–120 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–120 + 0.75 (δ–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in de-

grees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

–105 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (r): The conditions under which satellites may exceed these power flux-density limits for normal free space propagation described in paragraph (q)(1) to compensate for the effects of rain fading are under study and have therefore not yet been defined. Such conditions and the extent to which these limits can be exceeded will be the subject of a further rulemaking by the Commission on the satellite service rules.

(s) In the 40.0–40.5 GHz band, the power flux density at the Earth's surface produced by emissions from a space station for all conditions and for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values:

–115 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–115 + 0.5 (δ–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

–105 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane;

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (s): These limits relate to the power flux-density that would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

(t) In the band 40.5–42.0 GHz, the power flux density at the Earth's surface produced by emissions from a non-geostationary space station for all conditions and for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values:

–115 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;

–115 + 0.5 (δ–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and

–105 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane;

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (t): These limits relate to the power flux density that would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

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(u) In the band 40.5–42.0 GHz, the power flux-density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from a geostationary space station for all conditions and for all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values:

- 120 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane;
- 120 + (δ–5) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 5 and 15 degrees above the horizontal plane;
- 110 + 0.5 (δ–15) dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival δ (in degrees) between 15 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and
- 105 dB(W/m<sup>2</sup>) in any 1 MHz band for angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane;

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (u): These limits relate to the power flux-density that would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

(v) In the band 2496–2500 MHz, the power flux-density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from non-geostationary space stations for all conditions and all methods of modulation shall not exceed the following values (these values are obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions):

- (1) –144 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in 4 kHz for all angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane; –144 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) + 0.65(δ – 5) in 4 kHz for all angles of arrival between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and
- 131 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in 4 kHz and for all angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.
- (2) –126 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in 1 MHz for all angles of arrival between 0 and 5 degrees above the horizontal plane; –126 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) + 0.65(δ – 5) in 1 MHz for all angles of arrival between 5 and 25 degrees above the horizontal plane; and
- 113 dB (W/m<sup>2</sup>) in 1 MHz and for all angles of arrival between 25 and 90 degrees above the horizontal plane.

(w) The power flux density at the Earth’s surface produced by emissions from a 17/24 GHz BSS space station operating in the 17.3–17.7 GHz band for all conditions and all methods of modulation must not exceed the regional power flux density levels prescribed in paragraphs (w)(1) through (4) of this section.

- (1) In the region of the contiguous United States, located south of 38° North Latitude and east of 100 West Longitude: –115 dBW/m<sup>2</sup>/MHz.
- (2) In the region of the contiguous United States, located north of 38° North Latitude and east of 100° West Longitude: –118 dBW/m<sup>2</sup>/MHz.
- (3) In the region of the contiguous United States, located west of 100 West Longitude: –121 dBW/m<sup>2</sup>/MHz.
- (4) For all regions outside of the contiguous United States including Alaska and Hawaii: –115 dBW/m<sup>2</sup>/MHz.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (w): These limits pertain to the power flux-density that would be obtained under assumed free-space propagation conditions.

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**§ 25.209 Earth station antenna performance standards.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, the co-polarization gain of any earth station antenna operating in the FSS and transmitting to a GSO satellite, including earth stations providing feeder links for satellite services other than FSS, may not exceed the following limits:

- (1) In the plane tangent to the GSO arc, as defined in § 25.103, for earth stations not operating in the conventional Ku-band, the 24.75–25.25 GHz band, or the 28.35–30 GHz band:

29–25log <sub>10</sub> θ .....	dBi	for 1.5° ≤ θ ≤ 7°.
8 .....	dBi	for 7° < θ ≤ 9.2°.
32–25log <sub>10</sub> θ .....	dBi	for 9.2° < θ ≤ 48°.
– 10 .....	dBi	for 48° < θ ≤ 180°.