

MDR-Update

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Who we are

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MedicalMountains GmbH is an organization that provides networking and support for all players in the medical technology industry.

- We promote dialog, combine strengths and create platforms for sharing knowledge.
- We enable cooperation and synergies through strategic and systematic coordination.

State of Play

- ► Number and capacity of Notified Bodies: ✓
- \blacktriangleright Time for transition from MDD to MDR: \checkmark
- ► Clarifying regulatory issues: ✓

But ...



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Unresolved questions

- Too much effort without relevance to safety and performance requirements,
- high costs that are not in proportion to the revenue of products,
- lack of predictability and planning security for manufacturers.
- Position Paper "Suggestions for changes by MedicalMountains for more planning security, reasonable effort, and lower costs when implementing the MDR" (July 2024)
- European Parliament resolution "Urgent need to revise the medical devices regulation" (October 2024)

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Possible steps

- Simplified design of clinical evaluations for medical devices in low-risk classes
- Practical application of the equivalence principle and "well-established technologies"
- Adaptation of classification rules 6 and 8
- Non-significant changes without approval by a notified body
- Adjustment of PMS reporting intervals
- Lean processes through eIFU and reduced mandatory languages

What's to come



From January 2026 on, mandatory use of actor registration, devices, certificates, market surveillance, followed by vigilance from July 2026 (current status).

 \rightarrow Major function of the MDR.

► AI-Act

AI/ML-enabled medical devices are classified as "high-risk".

 \rightarrow Separate regulation beside MDR.

► PFAS

Restriction proposal carried out by the European Chemicals Agency within REACH.

 \rightarrow far-reaching effects on products and processes covered by MDR.



What to do?

Get all information you can.

Don't wait. Act.

Use networks!



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