

# **FOCUS ON**

# DATE OF APPLICATION

In less than 1 year, the transitional period will come to its end and the Regulation (EU) 2017/745 will fully apply. Make sure you are ready on time!

# WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DOA?

As mentioned in Art. 123.2, the Regulation (EU) 2017/745 will fully apply on its Date of Application (DoA), set for **26 May 2020**. This will mark the end of the transitional period. From this date, **no new MDD certificate** will be issued.

MDD devices may continue to be placed on the market, provided:

- The related MDD certificate is still valid;
- There is **no significant changes**;
- The requirements related to PMS, market surveillance, vigilance, and registration of economic operators and of devices are in accordance with the Regulation.

#### **KEY STEPS TOWARDS MDR COMPLIANCE**

3 steps are unavoidable for compliance with the Regulation.

### Training

Of course, **training sessions** are crucial for a proper launch of the process of compliance with the MDR. A **good understanding** of the terms, but also the impacts of the Regulation, by all the stakeholders is essential to a smooth transition.

This first step may seem obvious, but should not be overlooked as it will leave you on a good footing.

## Gap analysis

The training step lets you know where to go. The next thing to do is to know where you start, and to **evaluate the way to go** in order to define a path.

The best way is to make a **gap analysis** for each critical topic (e.g. Quality Management System, Technical Files, etc.).

This gap analysis shall include at least:

- The actions to be carried out,
- The people in charge,
- The deadline

for each topic.

# Implementation

Once the path is defined, you can start the journey. But to know where to begin, you need to define a hierarchy of tasks according to priorities, so you can start by critical ones at first, and then implement the full plan.

Priority can be set according to different criteria, which are specific to each company.

#### **EFFECTIVENESS CHECK**

The last thing to do is to check that all the actions you have implemented are effective and meet the specifications. Of course, the process is not over until the requirements are met.

# BREAKING NEWS



TÜV SÜD (CE 0123) became the second notified body designated to issue CE Mark certifications under Regulation (EU) 2017/745, following that of BSI (CE 0086).

The designation covers all NBOG scope codes, but with 2 minor limitations:

#### • Scope code MDN 1104

Non-active soft tissue and other implants: Annexes X and XI without breast implants.

### • Scope code MDT 2013

Devices which have undergone reprocessing: Only for medical devices that are foreseen by the manufacturer to undergo reprocessing.

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