



TRACEABILITY OF MEDICAL DEVICES

Unique Device Identification (UDI)

Part I

The Global Approach and the European Perspective

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I. GHTF developed a draft guidance for a global UDI

II. Rationale / Purpose

III. Definitions

IV. A Global framework for a worldwide UDI

V. European Development of UDI

A. European Database

B. Data elements

VI. Other issues

A. Risk based approach

B. Dynamic data

C. Future developments



European
Union



United States



Canada



Australia



Japan

- Conceived in 1992, rotation of Chairmanship every 3 years
- Purpose: international harmonization in MD regulations for safety, effectiveness, performance adequacy/quality of MDs
- **Publication of harmonized guidance docs on regulatory practices.**
- Guidance docs for adoption by Regulatory Authorities.
- GHTF cooperates with Asian Harmonisation Working Party (AHWP)
- GHTF : Mission accomplished... Next : **A new « Regulators Forum »**



UDI in GHTF...

October 2008

In Ottawa, GHTF Steering Committee sets Ad Hoc WG on 'UDI', Chair by EC representative.

July 2009

In Uppsala, EU Competent Authorities' meeting supports Commission's suggestion to reflect on "traceability - UDI" .

February 2010

Commission under Spanish Presidency chairs workshop in Madrid with 10 MS.

31 March 2010

End of public consultation launched by Ad Hoc WG. ca 45 contributions received.

5 November 2010

**UDI draft Guidance accepted by GHTF Steering Committee:
Posted on GHTF website for public comment by April 30, 2011**



Balance between Regulators - Industry

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UDI can be used for various purposes.

• The objectives of the GHTF UDI ad hoc group were:

- To increase patient safety

- Facilitating traceability of medical devices

Improving the identification of devices in adverse events

Facilitating field service corrective actions



• The objectives of the ad hoc group were not:

- To find a solution to counterfeit devices

- To enable better control of purchasing and distribution





UDI Principles

- **The marking of the device with its UDI shall be an additional labelling requirement (UDI is not an alternative to existing labelling requirements).**
- **UDI allows the unambiguous identification of a specific product on the market.**

UDI SYSTEM

UDI CARRIER

- Machine readable
- Human readable
- Bar code
- 2D bar code
- Data matrix,...

UDI DATA BASE (Elements)

- **Device identifier**
- manufacturer name
 - address, contact
 - nomenclature term
- device model number
 - packaging, size,
 - storage conditions
 - sterility
- restrictions of use
- URL...

UDI CONTENT

**Device Identifier
(static part)**
(Access key)

Production Identifier (dynamic part)

- Serial number
- Batch/lot
- Expiry date



Manufacturers

Users of the database
are using the
UDI CODE
(static part)
as
Access key

UDI CODE (Data carrier, i.e.
barcode, two-dimensional, ...)



**DATA
EXCHANGE
PROCESS
GLOBALLY
ACCEPTED**

**Unique CODE established
by application of
international standards**

**Static
information**

Lot/batch #

Serial #

Expiration date #

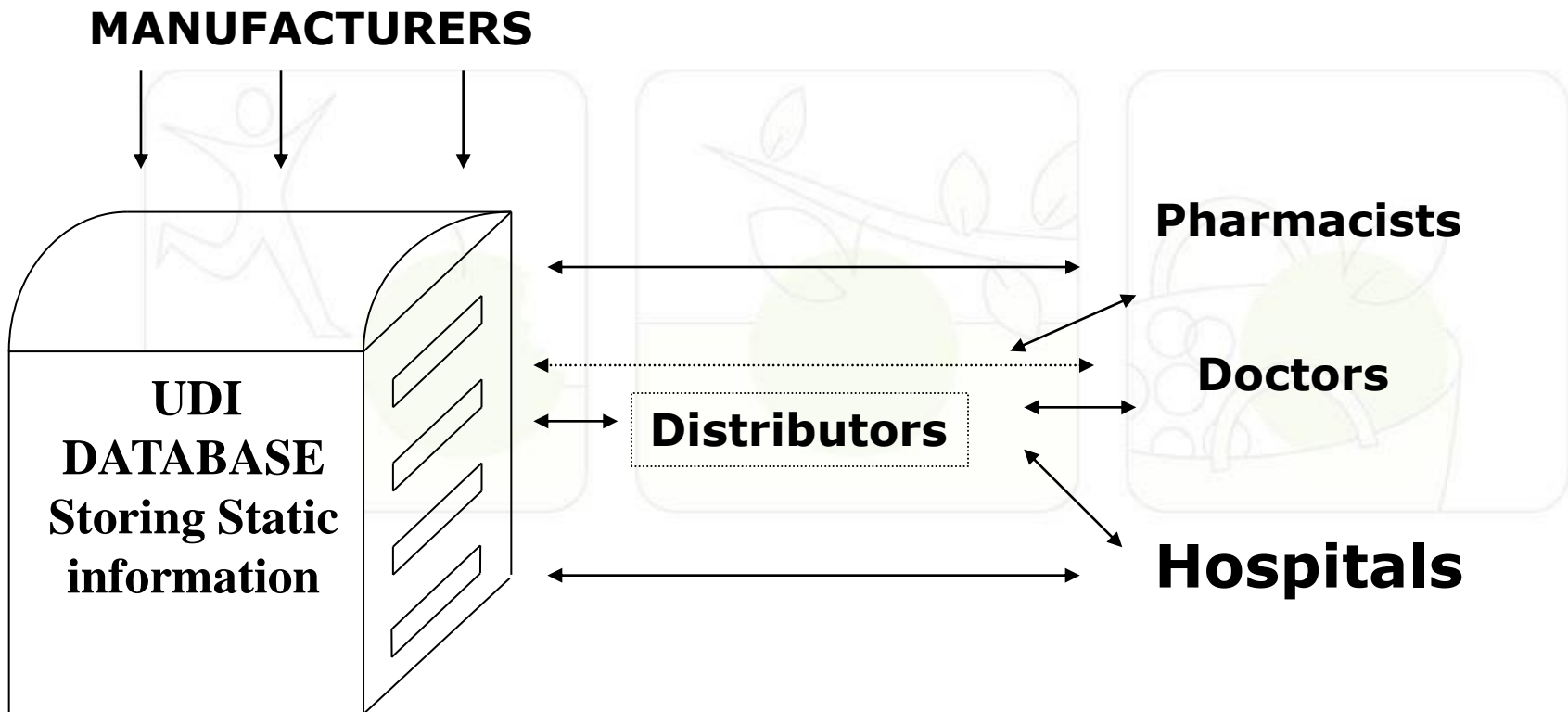
**Dynamic
information**

UDI DATABASE
Manufacturer
Allergen
GMDN
Packaging level
Sterility ...

**DATA
TRANSFER**

**Regulators
Distributors
Hospital
Pharmacy
Patient
...**

What is necessary to achieve...

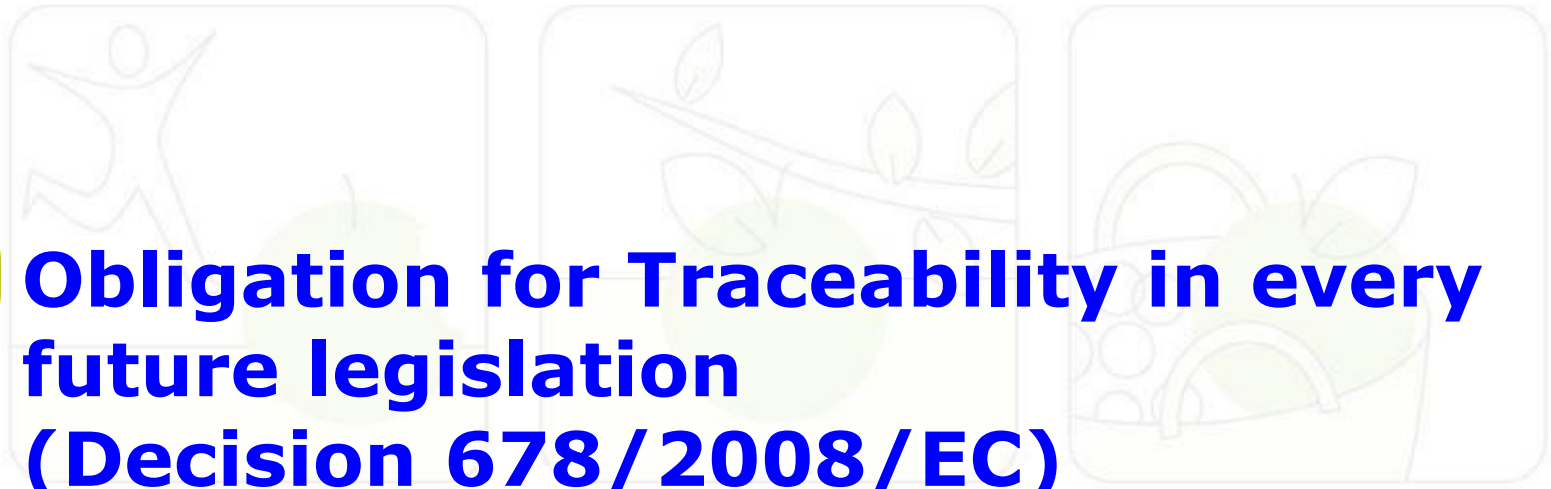




European Development of UDI

■ Revision of MD Directives Q2/2012

■ Obligation for Traceability in every future legislation (Decision 678/2008/EC)



Adoption of the Recommendation



Revision proposal Q2/2012: Traceability obligations



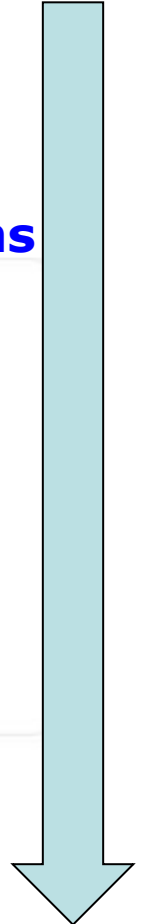
Decision making procedure



Adoption of the New REGULATION



Adoption of detailed traceability requirements





■ Internationally compatible

■ Merger with Eudamed

- Registration of manufacturers/devices
- Accessible by Competent Authorities
- Certificates issued by Notified bodies
- Clinical trials
- Vigilance procedures



DISTRIBUTORS

MANUFACTURERS

MS MS MS

EUDAMED

UDI

Static information

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Registration

- Limited number of information
- Not all the medical devices

Registration

- Increase number of Data Elements
- All medical devices
- Full picture of each MS market
- One European device identifier

PUBLIC

Search function:
ALL

Populate and download function:
With prior registration

Market Surveillance

- Adverse events
- Clinical data ...

Market Surveillance

- Adverse events
- Clinical data ...

NOT

PUBLIC

ONLY FOR REGULATORS

MS MS MS

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CURRENT SYSTEM

POTENTIAL FUTURE SYSTEM

Risk based approach

■ All medical device shall have:

- A static identifier
- A dynamic identifier

■ The difference will be:

- The type of dynamic data
- The placing of the UDI

Dynamic information

■ Legal obligation for all the supply chain

- Manufacturers
- Distributors
- Authorised representatives
- ...

A long and winding road...

- Unavoidable (traceability needs)
- Global Goodwill (understanding the unicity of the identification)
- In the EU: Drafting the Recommendation



Thank you for your attention!

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