Medical Devices Regulation (MDR) and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (IVDR)

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SOME OF THE NEW FEATURES:

Unique Device Identifiers (UDIs)
European Database on Medical Devices EUDAMED
An implant card for patients, with information on implanted medical devices
Stricter pre-market control for high risk devices

SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND...

Manufacturers
The new Regulations better reflect recent scientific and technological advancements and will strengthen the image and value of CE marked devices

Authorised representatives, importers, distributors
The roles and responsibilities have been clarified and reinforced to ensure the legal compliance of devices on the market

Healthcare professionals and health institutions
Healthcare professionals and health institutions will benefit from improved transparency on clinical and vigilance data through EUDAMED

Procurement ecosystem
The procurement of Directive-compliant devices can continue until the transition ends (2025)

Authorities in non-EU/EEA states
All actors impacted by the Regulations must be informed of the changes and timelines in order to avoid any disruption on the market

Reprocessing of single-use devices
Strict conditions have been introduced in the case of reprocessing single-use medical devices

Patients
Patients will benefit from the increased safety and performance of devices, and from more information surveillance and transparency on devices on the EU market

For a complete overview of the impact of the new Regulations and the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders, check the Medical Devices section on the DG GROW website: https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/medical-devices_en

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