

Medical Device Regulation (MDR): Your duties as a distributor

Please note

This brief overview cannot replace **a further discussion of the complete text of the European Medical Devices Regulation (MDR)**. For more detailed questions, the relevant articles in the regulation should be consulted - only those are legally binding.

The information listed here is **specific to Ofa Bamberg products**. Obligations of distributors with regard to products of other manufacturers with deviating, individual specifications or products of classes 1r/m/s or higher are not taken into account here.

All information has been carefully compiled and checked but does not replace comprehensive legal advice; **liability and warranty claims with regard to the contents are excluded.**

What are the obligations of the specialized medical supply trade in its role as a distributor?



General Duty of Care

→ Article 14 (1) MDR

Inspection obligations regarding the product:

→ Article 14 (2) MDR

- CE marking
- The name or trade name of the device
- Indication of what the product is about
- Reference to medical device
- Name and address of the manufacturer
- Expiry date
- Storage and handling instructions
- UDI (for class 1 only mandatory from 2025)

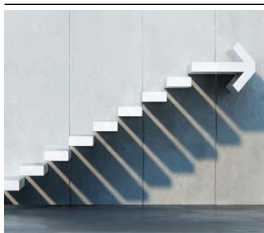


Inspection obligations regarding the instructions of use

→ Article 14 (2b) MDR

→ Article 10 (11) MDR

- Name/trade name of the product
- Name and address of the manufacturer
- Information on storage and handling, which must be adhered to
- Intended use
- Indications, contraindications, side effects, residual risks
- Information on use and care
- Issue / revision date of the instructions of use
- Information on the obligation to report



Procedure in case of non-compliance:

→ Article 14 (4) MDR

→ Article 14 (5) MDR

- If a product does not comply with the requirements, it must not be dispensed to patients!
- The manufacturer must be informed. If the product poses a serious risk, the competent authorities must also be informed (DE→ BfArM)
- Regarding possible corrective measures, distributors are obliged to cooperate with manufacturers and authorities.
- Distributors must keep a register of complaints, recalls, withdrawals and non-conforming products.

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Further obligations of the specialized medical supply trade in its role as a distributor



Traceability of products:

Over a period of 10 years, the distributor must be able to provide the competent authorities with information on the following points:

- To whom was the product supplied? (all economic operators / health care facilities / health care professionals; not patients!)
- From whom was the product obtained?

→ Article 25 MDR



Advertising and illustrations:

- When advertising or providing information on products, distributors may only use illustrations and information intended by the manufacturer for the product in question

→ Article 7 MDR

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