

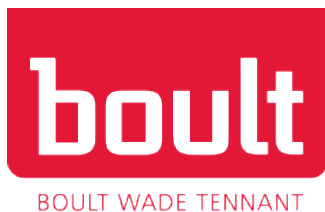
Pharma Session 3: Medical devices and patents – a shot in the arm for pharma?

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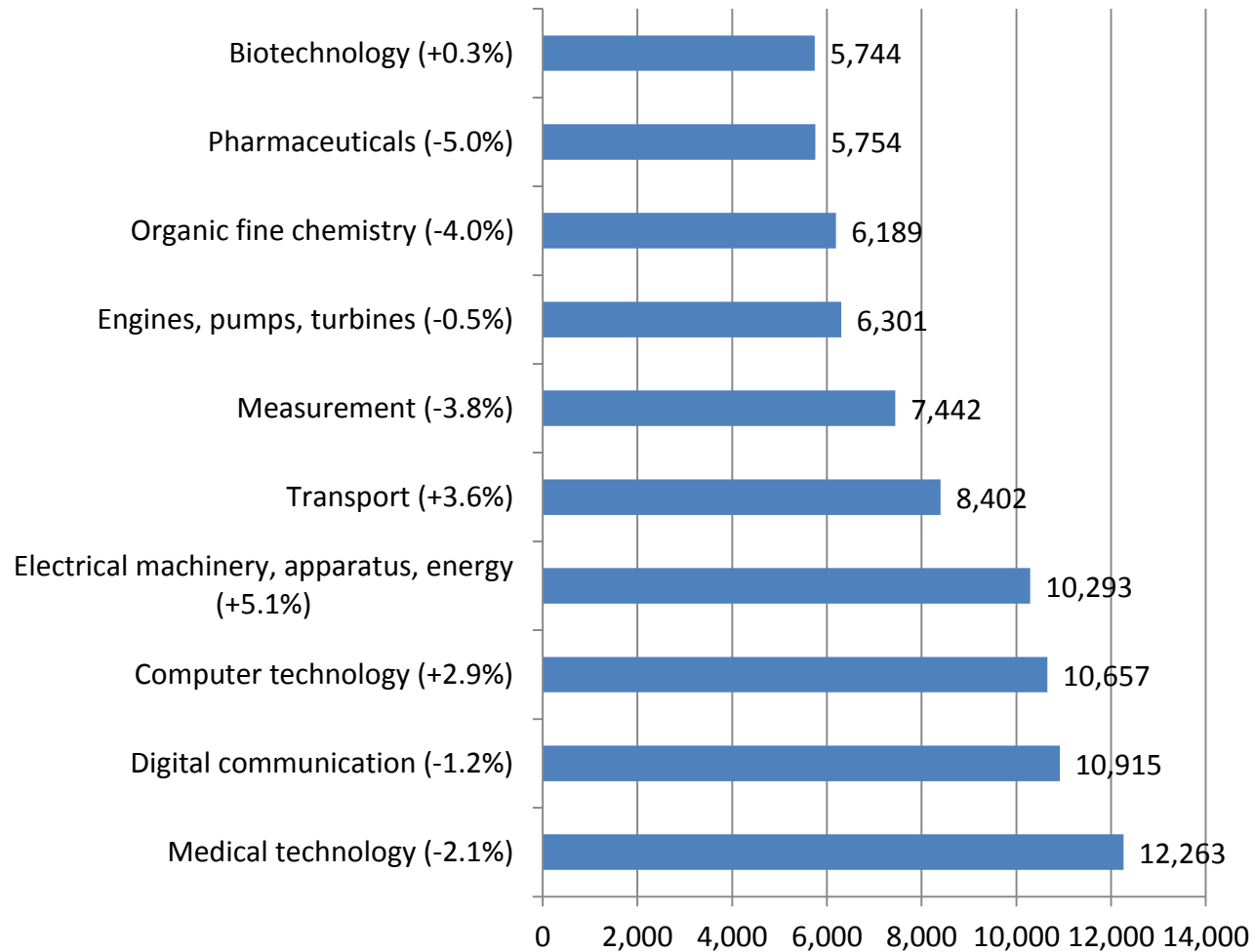


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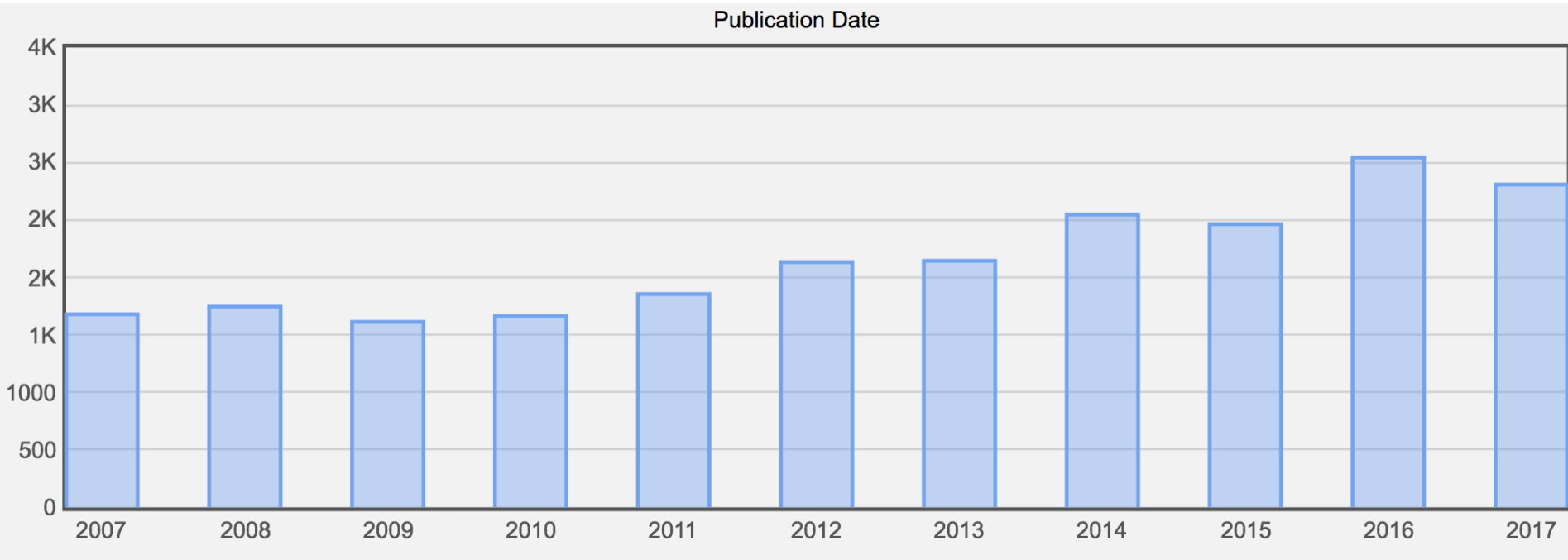
- Largest number of European patent applications in 2016 in top 10 technical fields of technology



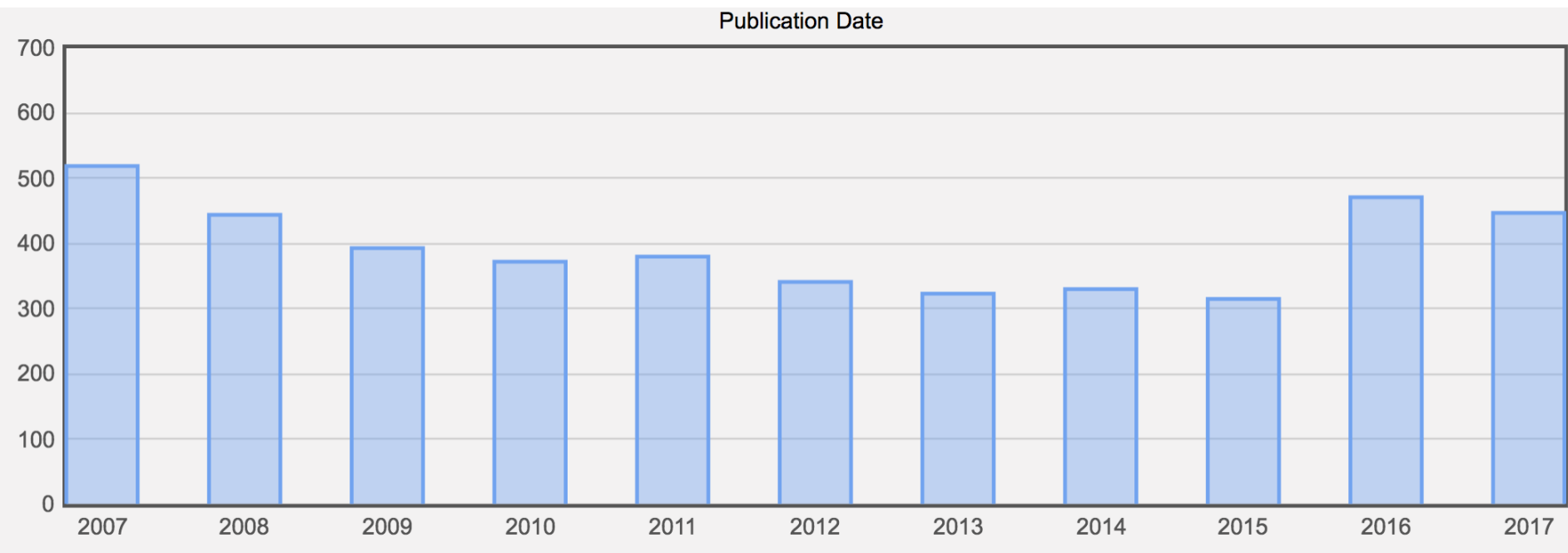
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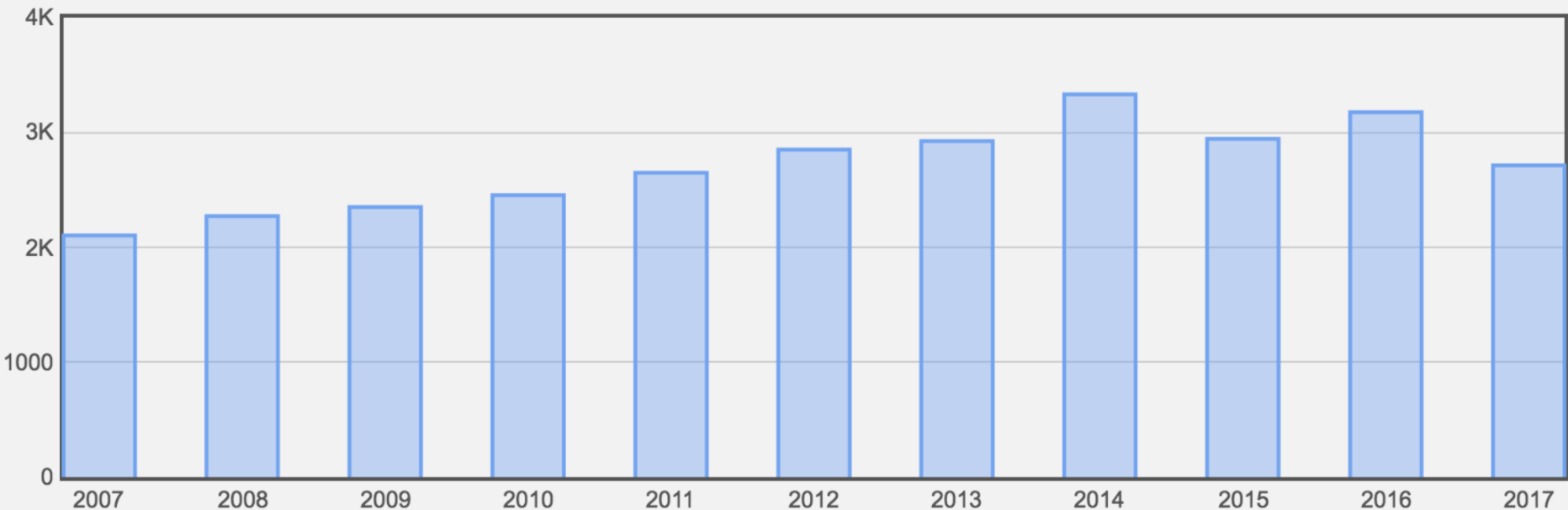


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PCT Applications published for A61M IPC
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MEDIA FROM THE BODY

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Technology trends

Medical devices:

- Lasers used in eye-surgery
- Endoprosthesis
- Wound dressing
- Stent
- Catheter
- Syringe
- Implantable devices

Medical devices (coupled with pharmaceuticals):

- Catheter coated with an antibiotic agent
- Progesterone-releasing intrauterine device
- Drug-eluting coronary stent
- Inhalers containing a medicinal product
- Wound dressing containing an antimicrobial agent
- Transdermal drug-delivery patches

Medical devices further

- Patient monitoring devices
- Mobile phone apps such as wellbeing apps connected to medical devices
- Wearable technology for medical devices



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Intellectual Property

Inconsistency in the way European law treats medical devices and pharmaceuticals

	Non-medical device	Medical Substance/ composition	Medical device
Product per se	✓	✓	✓
Medical use	n/a	✓	?

Inconsistency arises in the wording of the EPC

In Europe, methods of treatment by therapy, surgery or diagnosis that is practiced on the human or animal body are not patentable

Article 53(c) EPC dictates that this provision shall not apply to products (which includes medical devices) *FOR USE* in such a method

Articles 54(4) and (5) EPC provides a novelty-generating provision whereby known substances and compositions are allowable when intended *FOR USE* in a novel and inventive method

Contrary to substances and compositions, medical devices can as a rule not directly derive novelty from a new medical indication

Criteria for a medical device to derive novelty from a new medical indication

1. The device must have an active ingredient that carries out its function
(*T2003/08*)
2. The active ingredient must perform the primary function, not the position or shape of the device (*T1099/09*)
3. The device has to be consumed during treatment (*T227/91*)
4. The device has to be a finished product ready for use without surgical insertion (*T775/97*)
5. The device must be in contact with the patient's body during the treatment (*T138/02*)

Drafting second medical use claims comprising devices

- “Use of a specific **ligand** for human immunoglobulin **in the manufacture of a column** having said ligand coupled thereto for the treatment of a patient suffering from dilated cardiomyopathy”

T2003/08



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Regulatory Framework

The new EU Medical Device Regulations

25 May 2017: TWO NEW REGULATIONS IN FORCE

OLD

Medical Devices Directive
(93/42/EEC)

Active Implantable Medical
Devices Directive (90/385/EEC)

In Vitro Diagnostic Devices
Directive (98/79/EC)












NEW

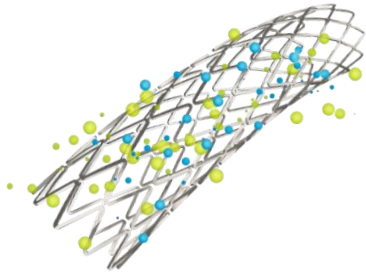
Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on
medical devices (the “**MDR**”) –
applicable May 2020

Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on in
vitro diagnostic medical devices
(the “**IVDR**”) – applicable May
2022

Classification

Medical Devices		In Vitro Diagnostic Devices	
Class I (non-sterile, non-measuring)	Stethoscope 	Class A	Specimen jars 
Class I (sterile, measuring)	Sterile needles 		
Class <u>IIa</u>	Surgical clamps 	Class B	Home pregnancy tests 
Class <u>IIIb</u>	Lung ventilators 	Class C	Blood glucose tests 
Class III	Pacemakers 	Class D	HIV tests 

Drug-Device Combinations

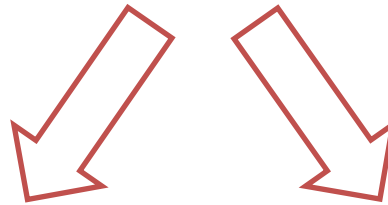


MEDICAL DEVICE

- Device incorporates as an **integral part** a medicinal product with an **action ancillary** to that of the device

Examples:

- Drug eluting stent
- Wound dressing with antimicrobial agent
- Catheter coated with heparin or antibiotic



MEDICINAL PRODUCT

- Action of medicinal product is **principal and not ancillary** to that of the device

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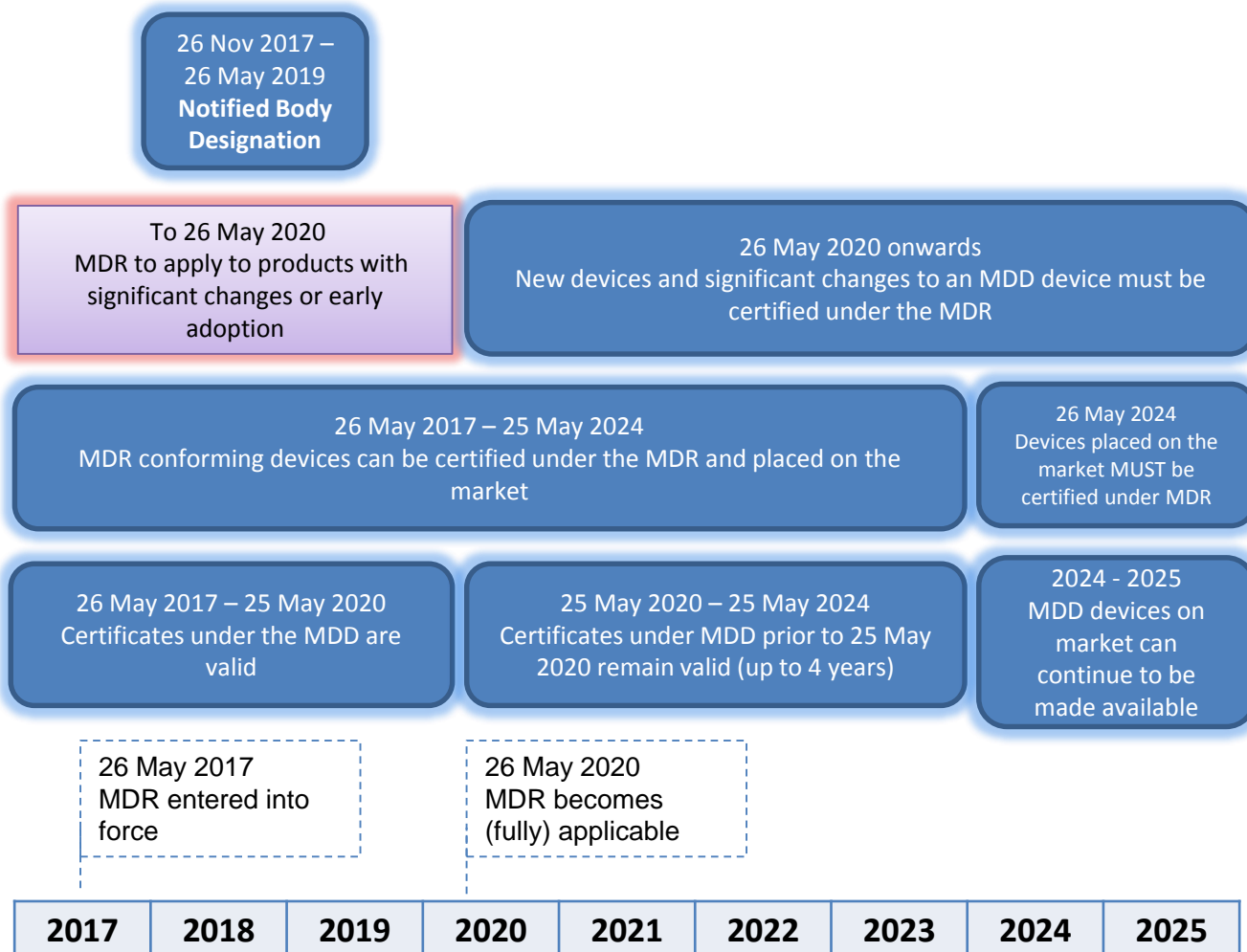
- Pre-filled syringe
- Transdermal patch



What's Changed?

- **Broader scope** (previously unregulated products now covered)
- **Stricter classification** requirements and some major reclassifications (e.g. large increase in IVD conformity assessments)
- **Emphasis on safety and data** (evaluation; post-marketing surveillance; new traceability requirements; clinical trials for class III)
- **Stricter scrutiny** by and of Notified Bodies (e.g. unannounced audits)
- **Transparency and traceability** (e.g. Unique Device Identification; Centralised European Database: EUDAMED)
- **Creation of Medical Device Coordination Group (MDCG)** (expert panel of member state representatives promotes harmonisation)
- **Increased liability** (joint and several liability for authorised representatives; insurance cover mandatory; penalties regime)

Timeline and Transitional Provisions: MDR



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Preparation: what needs to be done?

- **Evaluate portfolio**
 - Is there a change in classification?
 - Is enhanced clinical data needed?
 - Are changes needed to design or intended purpose?
- **Engage with Notified Bodies**
- **Build compliance with new Regulations into design and development**
- **Increase capacity of internal management support**

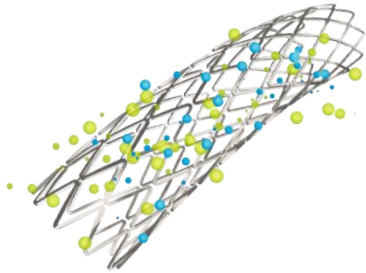


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Clinical Data & Data Exclusivity

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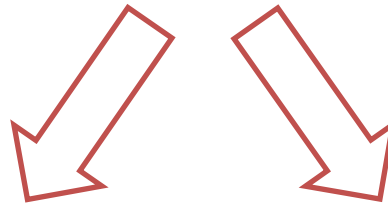


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Clinical Data and Data Exclusivity

- If the drug-device combination is a medicinal product, the usual European regime in Directive 2001/83/EC for regulatory data protection applies: i.e. 8+2+1 years of protection
 - 8 years' data exclusivity (no generic filing may rely on reference product data)
 - 2 years' market exclusivity (generic filings may rely on data but not be marketed if approved)
 - 1 extra year market exclusivity for new indications authorised during the first 8 years offering significant clinical benefit
- If the drug-device combination is a medical device, the regulatory data protection regime under Directive 2001/83/EC does not apply
- Is this fair if class III products require clinical trials? Probably yes: the considerations are different. There is no abridged procedure



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Linkage (Patents & Regulatory)

Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs)

- Form of IP that extends protection of patented active ingredients present in pharmaceutical products
- Designed to compensate for delays in obtaining Marketing Authorisation (MA)
- Based on a patent that protects the active ingredient
- SPC application must be filed within 6 months of grant of patent or 6 months from obtaining 1st Marketing Authorisation, whichever is later
- Granted by National Patent Offices
- Additional term is:
 - [(MA Approval Date- Filing Date of the Patent application) - 5 years] but maximum of 5 years
 - (additional 6 month Paediatric extension)

SPCs for medical devices?

“The scope and sectors covered by the SPC regulation were decided over 20 years ago. However in these two decades many of the underlying aspects of the SPC regulation have changed, amongst others, changes in innovation patterns, big data, bio-medicines, personalised medicines, **increasing importance of medical devices** as well as changes in marketing authorisation procedures.”

(European Commission call for tender: Study on the economic impact of Supplementary Protection Certificates, pharmaceutical incentives and rewards in Europe (2017))

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