



# The EU Regulations on medical devices and *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices

## Information session for international regulators and stakeholders

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# Agenda

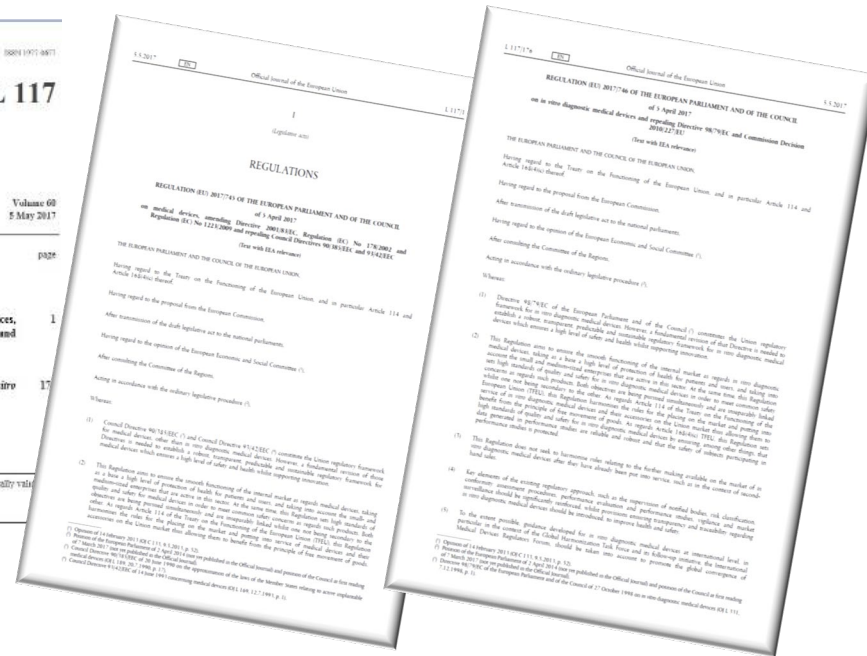
1. Welcome and scene setter
2. State of play of implementation
  - Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices (MDR)
  - Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices (IVDR)
3. Q&A
4. Demo of EUDAMED, UDI, EMDN

## Housekeeping rules

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2. please mute your microphone, when you don't speak;
3. use the ‚raise your hand‘ button, if you want to speak

# Regulatory framework

- Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices (MDR)
  - applicable since 26 May 2021, plus extra transitional period for 'legacy devices'
- Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices (IVDR)
  - applicable since 26 May 2022, plus extra transitional period for 'legacy devices'



## Objectives

*“robust, transparent, predictable and sustainable regulatory framework [...] which ensures a high level of safety and health whilst supporting innovation”*

## Challenges

Limited capacity of notified bodies  
Length and costs of conformity assessment  
Stricter requirements (especially pre-market clinical data)  
Risk of shortages  
Delay of EUDAMED

## Achievements

49 MDR notified bodies (13 applications ongoing)  
~8,000 MDR certificates issued  
12 IVDR notified bodies (9 applications ongoing)  
~900 IVDR certificates issued  
Expert panels (hosted by EMA)  
EU Reference Laboratories  
EUDAMED modules (Actors, UDI/DEV, NB/Certificates) in use

## Remedies

More time to transition from MDD/AIMDD/IVDD to MDR and IVDR (i.e. extension of MDR and IVDR transitional periods)  
No lowering of quality and safety requirements  
MDCG guidance supporting the transition  
Growing number of “[harmonised standards](#)” and extended [standardisation mandate](#)  
EU4Health Program projects

# Extension of MDR transitional period

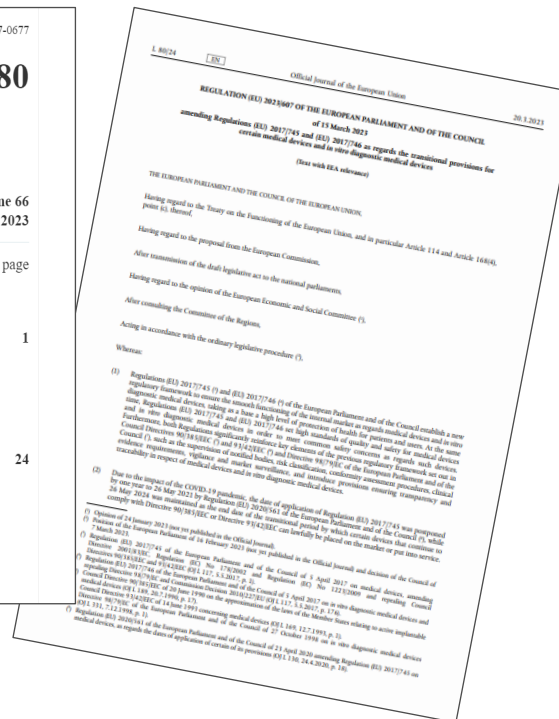
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# Extension of MDR transitional period

## ➤ Scope (“legacy devices”)

- Devices covered by MDD/AIMDD certificate issued by NB before 26 May 2021
- Devices requiring NB involvement for the first time under MDR with MDD Declaration of Conformity drawn up before 26 May 2021 (“*MDD self-declared devices*”)

## ➤ Staggered **timelines** depending on risk class

- **31 December 2027** (class III and class IIb implantable, if not excepted, e.g. sutures etc.)
- **31 December 2028** (other class IIb, class IIa, class I m/s, devices requiring NB involvement for the first time under MDR)



# Extension of MDR transitional period

## ➤ **Conditions** for extension

- Continuous compliance with MDD/AIMDD
- No significant change in design/intended purpose
- No unacceptable risk to health/safety
- MDR QMS in place from **26 May 2024**
- Application for conformity assessment of (substitute) device lodged by **26 May 2024**
- Contract MF-NB signed by **26 September 2024**

## ➤ **Extension of validity of MDD/AIMDD certificates** (*if above conditions are fulfilled*)

- All MDD/AIMDD certificates valid on 20 March 2023 and not withdrawn
- Beyond original expiry date until end of transitional period (no update of date on certificate)
- Also certain certificates that had expired before 20 March 2023, if
  - Contract MF-NB for conformity assessment signed before expiry of certificate *or*
  - Device allowed on the market based on national measures

# Extension of MDR transitional period

- **Surveillance** by notified bodies during transitional period
  - no later than 26 September 2024 by MDR notified body
  - concerns only devices covered by a certificate
- Temporary derogation for **class III custom-made implantable** devices
  - MDR QMS certificate required only from 26 May 2026
- **Removal of 'sell-off'** dates in MDR and IVDR
  - devices placed on the market before or during the (extended) transitional period and still in supply chain can be further made available



# Extension of MDR transitional period

## Effects on manufacturers and devices

- 'Legacy devices' can be placed on EU market until 31 Dec. 2027/2028 (according to risk class)
- Also after MDR certification of the device (unless MDD/AIMDD certificate is withdrawn)
- High level of safety
  - PMS/Vigilance requirements of MDR apply since 26 May 2021
  - Surveillance by notified bodies

# Extension of MDR transitional period

Documents confirming that device is covered by extended transitional period

## ➤ Manufacturer's Declaration

- Common template (see EU Commission website and Q&A)
- Details on MF, legacy devices, certificates, validity date, MDR Notified Body etc.

## ➤ Notified Body Confirmation Letter (optional)

- Common template by NBCG-Med (see EU Commission website and Q&A)
- List of devices covered by the extension

## ➤ Free Sale Certificate

- by National Competent Authorities

Declaration, including the attached schedule, should be printed on form as used for a Declaration of Conformity per manufacturer's QMS (e.g. manufacturer's letterhead)

**Manufacturer's Declaration**

In relation to Regulation (EU) 2023/607 amending Regulations (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2017/746 as regards the transitional provisions for certain medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices, in accordance with (EU) 2023/607, respect to:

- the validity of certificates issued under Council Directive 90/385/EEC on Active Implantable Medical Devices (AIMDD) or Council Directive 93/42/EEC on Medical Devices (MDD) (Directive Certificates) and/or
- the compliance of the devices and us as their manufacturer with the conditions for the continued placing on the market and putting into service

Manufacturer name	
Manufacturer address and contact details	
Single Registration Number (SRN) (if available)	

Authorised Representative name (if applicable)	
Authorised Representative address and contact details	
Single Registration Number (SRN) (if available)	

Notified body name (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> See attached schedule
Notified body number (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> See attached schedule
Directive Certificate number(s) to which this confirmation is made (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> See attached schedule
Original expiry date as indicated on the Directive Certificate prior to the extension of the validity (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> See attached schedule
End date of extended validity/transition period	<input type="checkbox"/> See attached schedule

<sup>1</sup> The first condition is not applicable in case of devices for which the conformity assessment procedure pursuant to MDD did not require the involvement of a notified body, for which the declaration of conformity was drawn up prior to 26 May 2021 and for which the conformity assessment procedure pursuant to this Regulation requires the involvement of a notified body.

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(Letter to be printed on the NB Letterhead); It is recommended that a relevant watermark be applied to the letter and the letter issued in a secure pdf format to reduce the risk of falsification/tampering of the letter)

<Company>  
<Address line 1>  
<Address line 2>  
<Address line 3>

<Date>

**Notified Body Confirmation Letter**  
Reference: **XXXXXXXXXX**

To whom it may concern,

**Confirmation of the status of a formal application, written agreement, and appropriate surveillance in the framework of Regulation EU 2023/607 amending Regulations (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2017/746 as regards the transitional provisions for certain medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices**

This letter confirms that, **NB Name**, a Notified Body (NB) designated against Regulation (EU) 2017/745 (MDR) and identified by the number **XXXX** on NANDO, has received a formal application in accordance with Section 4.3, first subparagraph of Annex VII of MDR and has signed a written agreement in accordance with Section 4.3, second subparagraph of Annex VII of MDR with the following manufacturer:

**Company Name**  
**Street**  
**25436 City**  
**Country**  
**SRN Number (if available):**

The devices covered by the formal application and the written agreement mentioned above are identified in the Tables below. Table 1 identifies the devices for which an MDR application has been received, written agreement concluded and for which the NB is also responsible for appropriate surveillance of the corresponding devices under the applicable Directive. Table 2 identifies the devices for which an MDR application has been received and a written agreement concluded, but the NB has not yet taken the responsibility for appropriate surveillance of the corresponding devices under the applicable Directive.

In the case of devices covered by certificates issued under Directive 90/385/EEC (AIMDD) or Directive 93/42/EEC (MDD) that expired after 26 May 2021 and before 20 March 2023, without having been withdrawn, this letter also confirms that the manufacturer signed the written agreement under MDR by the date of MDD/AIMDD certificate expiry; or provided

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NB specific Footer. It is recommended that NBs provide a generic email address or contact number for queries on the content of the letter or verification of the validity of the letter

**HPRA CERTIFIED**  
SRN Reference: 25112322

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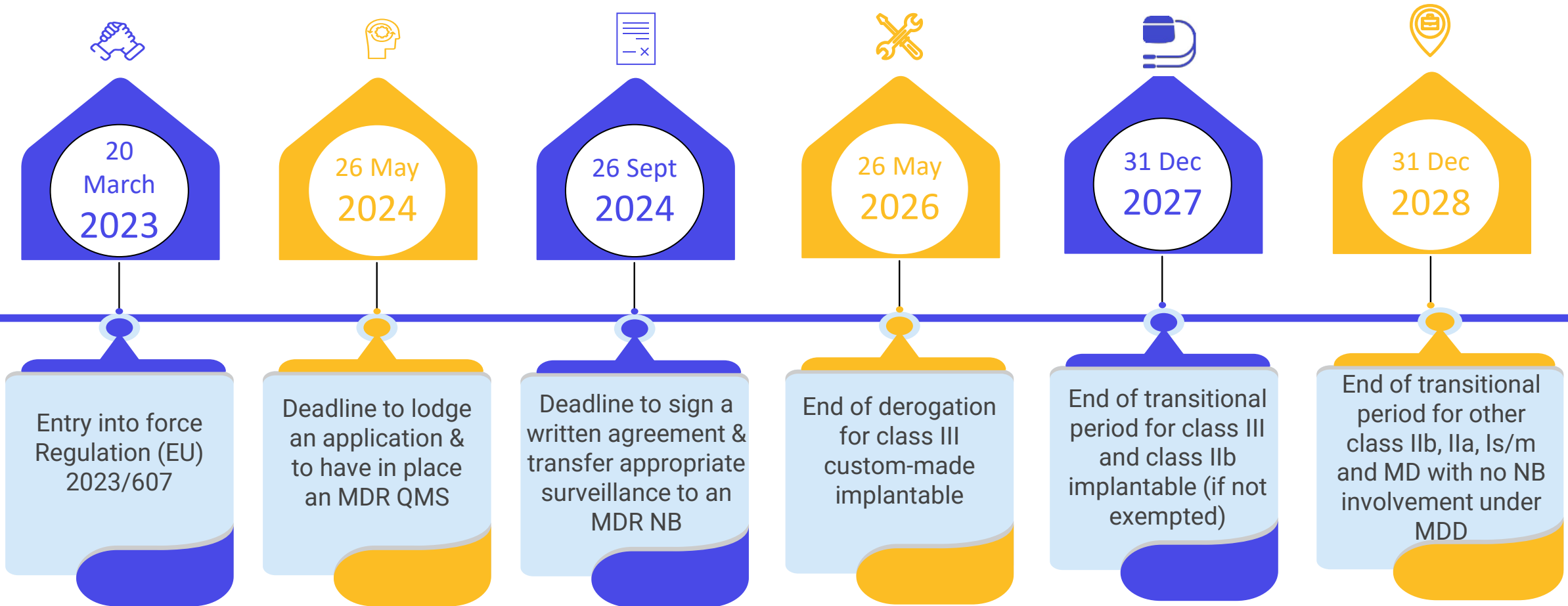
**CERTIFICATE OF FREE SALE**

To Whom It May Concern:


The Health Products Regulatory Authority hereby certifies that:

- Renoult-Paterson Limited, 4-8 Trinity Street Dublin 2 Ireland is the authorised representative in Ireland for the general medical devices specified in the attached schedule. These devices are manufactured by SHI CONCEPT CO., LTD. Unit C, No. 30 Huxian Middle Road, Khibei Zone, Changzhou, 213022, Jiangsu, China.
- The general medical devices specified in the attached schedule are CE marked in accordance with the European Communities (Medical Devices) Regulations, 1994 which transposed the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC into Irish Law and may be marketed and sold in Ireland.
- Exportation of the general medical devices listed in the attached schedule is not prohibited.
- The granting of this certificate is based on the information available to the Health Products Regulatory Authority on the date of issue of the certificate.

# Extended MDR transitional period



30.4.2024:  
>23,500  
applications



**EXTENSION OF THE MDR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND REMOVAL OF THE 'SELL OFF' PERIODS**

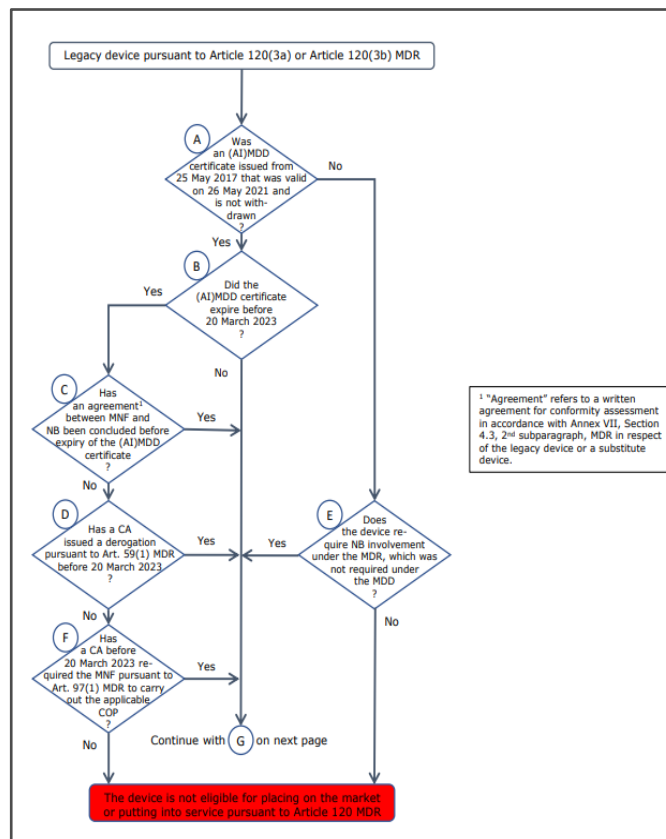
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[md\\_devices-art120\\_flowchart\\_0.pdf\(europa.eu\)](https://md_devices-art120_flowchart_0.pdf(europa.eu))



**Factsheet for authorities in non-EU/EEA states on medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices**

The factsheet is for regulatory/competent authorities in countries that are not part of the EUMEA. For a general overview of the regulations please refer to the Medical Devices section on the [European Commission website](https://european-commission.eu/health).

In April 2017, the European Parliament and the Council adopted the Medical Devices Regulation (EU) 2017/745 (MDR) and the In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (EU) 2017/746 (IVDR).

These two Regulations create a robust, transparent and sustainable regulatory framework, recognised internationally, which improves clinical safety and creates fair market access for manufacturers.

The MDR replaced the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC (MDD) and the Active Implantable Medical Devices Directive 90/385/EEC (AIMDD). The MDR became applicable on **26 May 2021**.

The IVDR replaced the In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Directive (98/79/EC) (IVDD). The IVDR became applicable on **26 May 2022**.

Both Regulations provide for additional transition periods, under certain conditions. The requirements enter into application gradually, starting with the provisions related to the designation of notified bodies and the ability of manufacturers to apply for certificates under the Regulations.

The MDR and the IVDR are directly applicable to all EU Member States and therefore create a level playing field across the EU market.

Manufacturers in third countries wishing to place devices on the EU market should familiarise themselves with the rules, timelines and obligations applicable under the Regulations. General information is available on the website of the European Commission, where there are also contact points for the national authorities for further enquiry into the application of the Regulations or for guidance. The European Commission also provides information on access to the EU market on its [Access2Markets](https://access2markets.eu) webpage.

As an authority in a third country that imports devices from the EU, you need to know about the timelines for implementing the Regulations. Please also bear in mind that during the transition periods, devices that are compliant with the previously applicable Directives and devices that are compliant with the current Regulations co-exist and may simultaneously be placed or made available on the EU market. This is of particular importance for those third countries that rely on the CE marking of devices to grant access to their markets.

To avoid disruptions in your market, health institutions, procurement bodies, customs officers and importers should be informed about the requirements and applicable timelines.

To avoid market disruption and allow a smooth transition from the Directives (AIMDD, MDD and IVDD) to the Regulations (MDR and IVDR), several transitional provisions are in place. Most devices with certificates or declarations of conformity issued under the Directives may continue to be placed on the market after the respective dates of application (DoAs) of the two Regulations until the end of the relevant transition period. The exact timelines are further explained in this factsheet.

[MDR-IVDR\\_FS\\_third-countries\\_en\(europa.eu\)](https://MDR-IVDR_FS_third-countries_en(europa.eu))

# MDCG guidance documents supporting the transition

- [MDCG 2022-14](#): Transition to the MDR and IVDR - Notified body capacity and availability of medical devices and IVDs (August 2022)
- [MDCG 2020-3 Rev.1](#): Guidance on significant changes regarding the transitional provision under Article 120 of the MDR with regard to devices covered by certificates according to MDD or AIMDD (Sept. 2023)
- [MDCG 2022-6](#): Guidance on significant changes regarding the transitional provision under Article 110(3) of the IVDR (May 2022)
- [MDCG 2022-4 Rev.2](#): Guidance on appropriate surveillance regarding the transitional provisions under Article 120 of the MDR with regard to devices covered by certificates according to the MDD or the AIMDD (May 2024)
- [MDCG 2022-15](#): Guidance on appropriate surveillance regarding the transitional provisions under Article 110 of the IVDR with regard to devices covered by certificates according to the IVDD (September 2022)
- [MDCG 2021-25](#): Application of MDR requirements to "legacy devices" and to devices placed on the market prior to 26 May 2021 in accordance with Directives 90/385/EEC or 93/42/EEC (October 2021) *under revision*
- [MDCG 2022-8](#): Regulation (EU) 2017/746 - application of IVDR requirements to 'legacy devices' and to devices placed on the market prior to 26 May 2022 in accordance with Directive 98/79/EC (May 2022)
- [MDCG 2024-10](#): Guidance on clinical evaluation of orphan medical devices (June 2024) *new!*
- ....

# Upcoming MDR/IVDR amendment

*Regulation (EU) 2024/... of 13 June 2024 amending MDR and IVDR as regards a gradual roll-out of Eudamed, the obligation to inform in case of interruption or discontinuation of supply, and transitional provisions for certain in vitro diagnostic medical devices (9 July 2024 expected publication in the OJEU)*

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**Ensure availability**  
especially of high-risk in vitro diagnostics (IVDs) by extending transition periods

2

Provide healthcare systems **more time to safeguard patient care** by introducing advance warning of interruption or discontinuation of supply of certain medical devices / IVDs

3

**Enhance transparency** by enabling a gradual roll-out of the European Database on Medical Devices (EUDAMED)

# Extension of IVDR transitional period

## ➤ Scope

- Devices covered by IVDD certificate issued by NB before 26 May 2022
- Devices requiring NB involvement for the first time under IVDR with IVDD Declaration of Conformity drawn up before 26 May 2022 (*“IVDD self-declared devices”*)

## ➤ Staggered **timelines** depending on risk class

- **31 December 2027** (devices covered by IVDD certificate and class D devices)
- **31 December 2028** (class C devices)
- **31 December 2029** (class B and class A sterile devices)

# Extension of IVDR transitional period

## ➤ **Conditions** for extension

- Continuous compliance with IVDD
- No significant change in design/intended purpose
- No unacceptable risk to health/safety
- IVDR QMS in place from 26 May 2025
- Application for conformity assessment of (substitute) device lodged
  - **by 26 May 2025**, for devices covered by IVDD certificate and class D devices
  - **by 26 May 2026**, for class C devices
  - **by 26 May 2027**, for class B and class A sterile devices
- Contract MF-NB signed
  - **by 26 September 2025**, for devices covered by IVDD certificate and class D devices
  - **by 26 September 2026**, for class C devices
  - **by 26 September 2027**, for class B and class A sterile devices



# Extension of IVDR transitional period

- **Extension of validity of IVDD certificates** (*if above conditions are fulfilled*)
  - All IVDD certificates valid on 9 July 2024 (tbc) and not withdrawn
  - Beyond original expiry date until end of transitional period (no update of date on certificate)
  - Also certain certificates that had expired before 9 July 2024 (tbc), if
    - Contract MF-NB for conformity assessment signed before expiry of certificate *or*
    - Device allowed on the market based on national measures
- **Surveillance** by notified bodies during transitional period
  - by IVDR notified body at the latest from the date when contract MF-NB must be signed (i.e. 26 September 2025/2026/2027);
  - concerns only devices covered by a certificate

# Extension of IVDR transitional period

## Effects on manufacturers and devices

- 'Legacy devices' can be placed on EU market until 31 Dec. 2027/2028/2029 (according to risk class)
- Also after IVDR certification of the device (unless IVDD certificate is withdrawn)
- High level of safety
  - PMS/Vigilance requirements of IVDR apply since 26 May 2022
  - Surveillance by notified bodies

# Extension of IVDR transitional period

Documents confirming that device is covered by extended transitional period (**same as for MDR**)

- **Manufacturer's Declaration**
  - Common template
  - Details on MF, legacy devices, certificates, validity date, MDR Notified Body etc.
- **Notified Body Confirmation Letter (optional)**
  - Common template by NBCG-Med
  - List of devices covered by the extension
- **Free Sale Certificate**
  - by National Competent Authorities

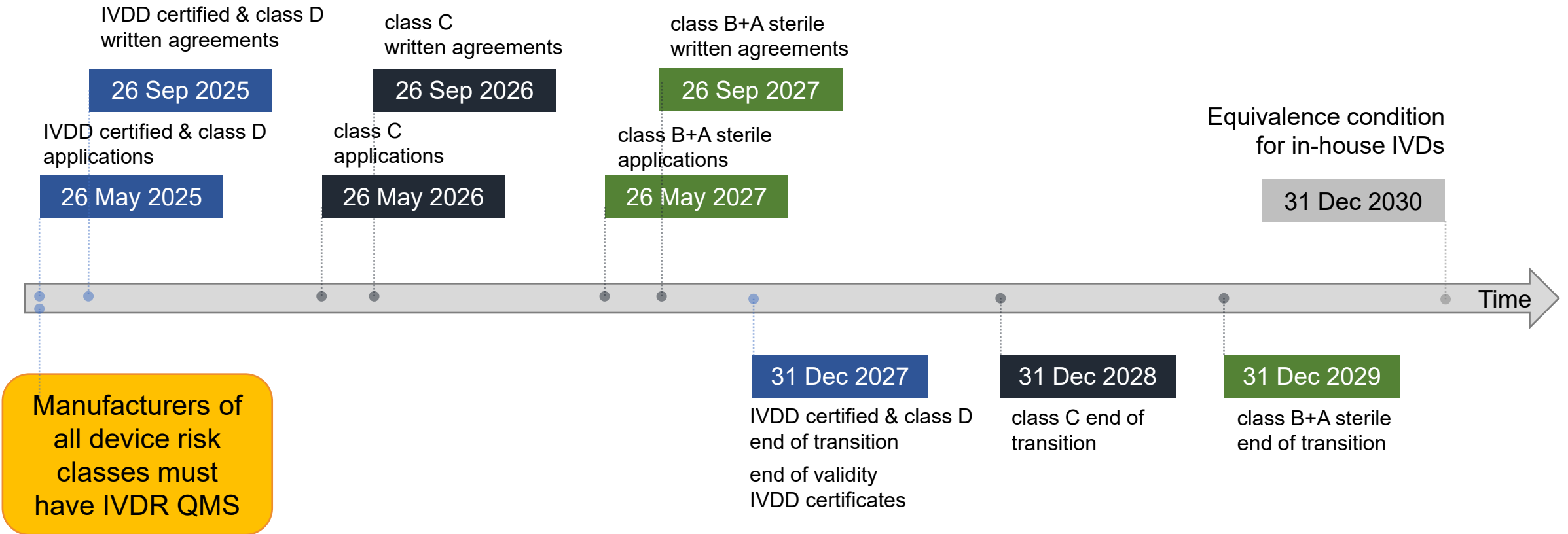
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**EXTENSION OF THE IVDR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD**

Q&A on practical aspects related to the implementation of the extended transitional period provided for in the IVDR, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/XX amending Regulations (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2017/746 as regards a gradual roll-out of Eudamed, the obligation to inform in case of interruption of supply, and transitional provisions for certain in vitro diagnostic medical devices

# IVDR – Transitional periods

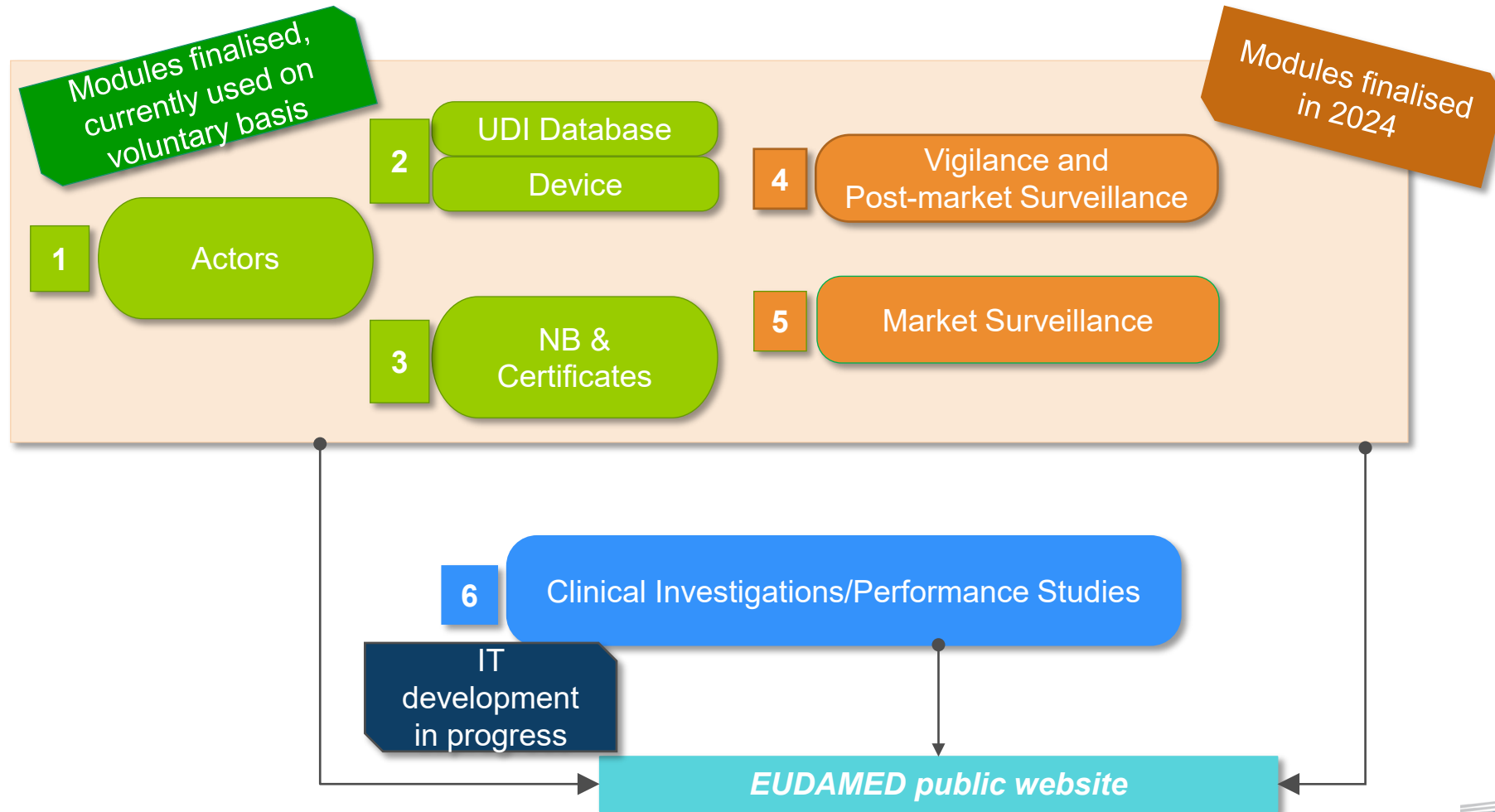


# Prior information about discontinuation or interruption of supply (new Article 10a MDR/IVDR)

- *Who?*
  - Manufacturers
- *What?*
  - Discontinuation or interruption of supply of MD or IVD
  - Risk of serious harm to patients or public health
- *When?*
  - 6 months in advance
- *To whom?*
  - NCA where manufacturer/AR is established (+information exchange between NCAs)
  - Economic operators (e.g. importer, distributor) or hospitals/healthcare professionals



# Gradual roll-out of EUDAMED



# Gradual roll-out of EUDAMED



Enables mandatory use of a EUDAMED module 6 months after publication of EC notice confirming module's functionality



**One registration throughout EU**



Additional time for MF and NB to migrate device data and certificate information for certain devices from national databases to EUDAMED



Coordinated assessment of applications for clinical investigations or performance studies only when EUDAMED CI/PS module will become mandatory

# Non-legislative measures

## ACTIONS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF NOTIFIED BODIES AND HELPING PREPARE MANUFACTURERS

Position paper by Medical Device Coordination Group identifying actions to increase notified body capacity, the access to notified bodies and manufacturer preparedness ([MDCG 2022-14 position paper](#))

### Increasing the number of notified bodies

**Consortium (NoBoCap)** developing actions to increase the capacity of notified bodies and the preparedness of manufacturers (trainings) and facilitating access to notified bodies, **especially for SMEs** (matchmaking platform) (EU4Health)

Supporting coordination between **notified bodies** (EU4Health)

Tailored solutions for **orphan devices**

Targeted support to **SMEs** through Enterprise Europe Network

**NEW:** Development of further supporting tools such as **translation of nomenclatures**

## SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION AND ADDRESSING SPECIAL NEEDS

Pilot on scientific advice by expert panels for clinical development strategies for high-risk devices

**Orphan device support** programme, focussed on paediatrics (EU4Health)

**NEW:** Additional pilots with expert panels to support conformity assessment

## STOCK TAKING OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND TRANSITION (EU4HEALTH)

Study on **governance and innovation**

Study to **monitor availability of medical devices on EU market**

**NEW:** Studies supporting the targeted evaluation of MDR/IVDR

## SUPPORT TO REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROCESSES (EU4HEALTH)

Support for **European database on medical devices**

Support for **designated EU reference laboratories** (*in vitro* diagnostics)

Joint Action on **market surveillance**

**NEW:** Horizon scanning for medical devices (EU4Health)





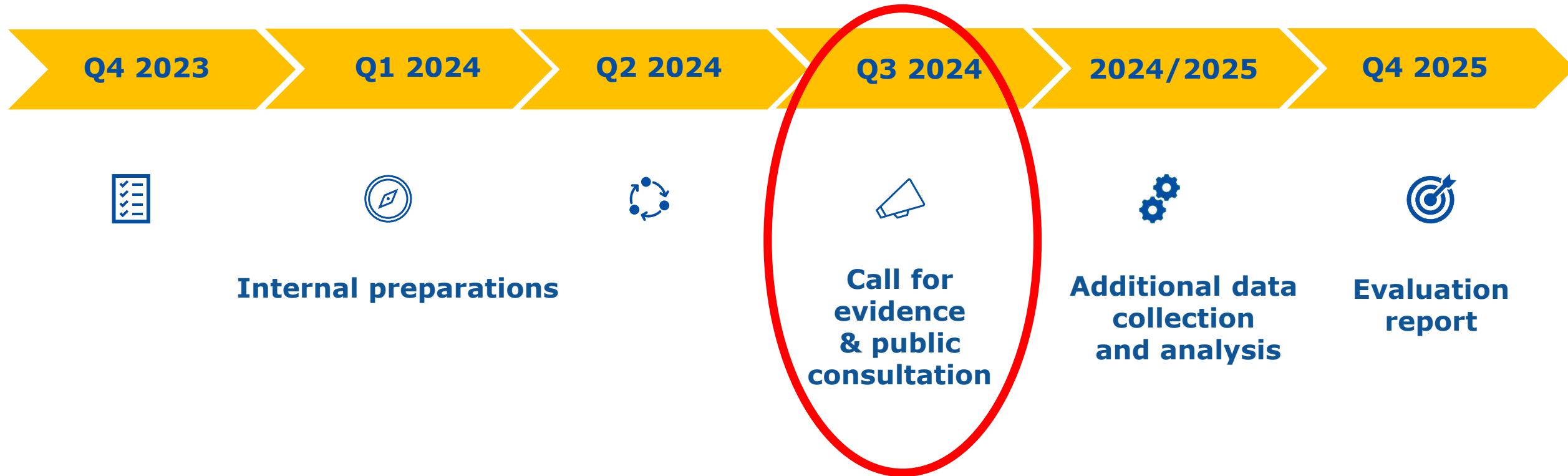
# Targeted evaluation of MDR/IVDR

- Assessment of underlying causes of remaining challenges
  - Availability of devices needed for patient care
  - Costs, predictability and administrative burden, especially for SME
  - Governance
  - Innovation in EU



Early and targeted evaluation of MDR/IVDR

# Targeted evaluation of MDR/IVDR - timeline



# Thank you!

## Relevant contacts:

### Websites:

- [European Commission](#)
- [Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety \(DG SANTE\)](#)
- [Unit D.3 Medical Devices](#)

### Email address:

- [SANTE-MED-DEV\[at\]ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-MED-DEV[at]ec.europa.eu)
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