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An Australian Update

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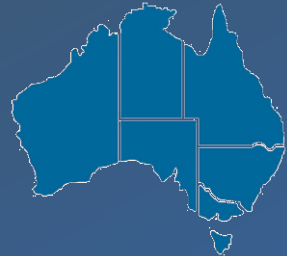


A Little History

- 1985 – Regulation of some high risk devices using the Customs Act
- 1989 – First therapeutic device regulations introduced
- 1992 – GHTF first meeting
- 1996 – Commenced development of new regulatory framework
- 2002 – New medical device regulations introduced
- 2007 – Medical device regulations fully in place
- 2010 – IVD regulations introduced
- 2017 – IVD regulations fully in place



- GHTF Based framework
 - Essential Principles
 - Classification
 - Conformity Assessment
 - Quality Management Systems
 - Registration
 - Postmarket monitoring



But then.....

- 2011 - TGA reforms: a blueprint for TGA's future
- 2013 - Change of Government
 - Missioncut the red tape !!
 -for every new regulation....one had to go !!
- 2014 - Review of medicines and medical device regulation
- 2016 - Government response to the review
 -accepts nearly all recommendations....
- 2017 - Commence implementation.....



So, what can we expect.....

- Over-arching principles –
 - TGA will maintain capacity to undertake assessments
 - TGA will retain responsibility for decision making regarding marketing approvals
 - Greater flexibility in approval pathways
 - Enhanced postmarket monitoring



Greater flexibility in approval pathways

- Conformity Assessment within Australia
 - AU manufacturers must use TGA.....removed 2014
 - By TGA designated bodies.....not yet, but on the way
- Utilisation of overseas marketing approvals
 - CAB must be designated by a ‘*comparable*’ overseas designating authority; or
 - Approved by ‘*comparable*’ overseas regulatory
- Expedited Review process for certain ‘*novel*’ devices



Conformity Assessment within Australia

- Bodies designated by the TGA will be able to undertake conformity assessment certification
 - Consultation Nov 2016
 - TGA Designating Authority function
 - Designation process
 - Designated Conformity Assessment Bodies
- Some changes to Act already passed, some still in the process.....
- Delivery Date – January 2018 (promised)
- Regulation changes..... not yet sighted.....



Conformity Assessment within Australia

- Issued to be resolved –
 - Fees.....set by CAB's, not the TGA
 - TGA Cost/resources of designation process
 - Impact on TGA Conformity Assessment Revenue
 - Competitive neutrality
 - Competition between public and private businesses
 - ? Any TGA advantage as a government business
 - Taxation.....
 - Cost neutrality, not for profitno shareholders....
 - Insurance costs.....
 - Etc.....



Conformity Assessment within Australia

*‘Australian Conformity Assessment Bodies.....
we will build it.....but will they come?’*

Adj Prof John Skerritt
Deputy Secretary, Health Products
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Utilisation of overseas marketing approvals

- AU already accepts EU NB EC Certificates for devices up to class Iib
- Uses application audit process for most class III devices
- Often abridges Conformity Assessment based on EU NB audit reports and assessments
- Potential for greater use of Canadian and US assessments
 - Frameworks are different
 - Applicant would have to provide full assessment report
- Consultation – May 2017
- Changes currently before Parliament
- Regulations still to be drafted
- Watch this space
- The big question.....
 - what is ‘.....comparable....’



Expedited Review Processes

- Priority assessment.....'front of queue' priority
- No reduction in evidence or assessment requirements
- Faster processing of conformity assessment and ARTG inclusion
- Conditions –
 - Answer questions in timely manner.....or to the back of the queue
- Extra fees !!



But it's not that easy.....

- Devices intended for the prevention or treatment of a **life threatening or seriously debilitating** disease or condition; **AND**
- Device addresses an **unmet clinical need** in Australian patients; **AND**
- Breakthrough technology/clinical advantage/public health need (IVD's only)

- Meets at least one of the following –
 - Device represents a major technological (not just engineering) advantage over existing; **OR**
 - Device offers a major clinical (not just engineering) advantage over existing alternatives; **OR**
 - Early availability will result in a major public health benefit (IVD's only)



Enhanced postmarket monitoring

- Better analysis of available datasets
 - Device Registers
 - AOA National Joint Replacement Register
- Electronic Reporting of Adverse Events
- Public Reporting of TGA Laboratory sampling and testing results
- Information sharing with overseas regulators
- Continued roll out of InSite Hospital program



And if that wasn't enough.....

- November 2017
 - *Proposed regulatory changes related to personalized and 3D printed medical devices*
- Released for comment last week
- Comment closes 22 December 2017

<https://www.tga.gov.au/consultation/consultation-proposed-regulatory-changes-related-personalised-and-3d-printed-medical-devices>



Proposed regulatory changes related to personalized and 3D printed medical devices

- First serious attempt by a regulator to move into uncharted territory
- Will be closely watched by others.....
- Proposes moving into regulation of ‘practice of medicine’..... typically ‘set aside’ or ‘off limits’ to regulators
- Concerns largely based around 3D implants.....
 - But have the potential to impact seriously on devices such as external prosthetics, etc.....



Proposed regulatory changes related to personalized and 3D printed medical devices

- Recommendations –
 - Take the time to review,
 - Comment.....good, bad or indifferent....
- Because it may make difference for all in the longer term.



Questions, comments, thoughts



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