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Seller, user, maker, designer, repackager, importer, distributor, regulator, servicing, repair, assembler, clinician, etc.

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# Define the players

So you need to define the players

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### Responsibilities

And why do you have to be clear who you are talking about?

Because you will later assign (legal) responsibilities and tasks

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## **Key Players**

Looking at our systems key players are identified:

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- Authorised Representative
- Distributor
- Importer

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#### Manufacturer

The Regulator wants to establish easily the one person who takes regulatory responsibility for a medical device that is marketed within its jurisdiction.

Not as easy as you think?

Maker, designer, steriliser, marketer, distributor, logo, final assembler, corporate entity, national sponsor, refurbishing, etc.

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#### Manufacturer

Finally linked it to the name on the device, that is, what the consumer (the user) sees

"Manufacturer" means any natural or legal person who designs and/or manufactures a medical device with the intention of making the finished medical device available for use, under his name; whether or not such a medical device is designed and/or manufactured by that person himself or on his behalf by a third party(ies)

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"Authorised Representative" means any natural or legal person established within a country or jurisdiction who has received a mandate from the manufacturer to act on his behalf for specific tasks with regard to the latter's obligations under that country or jurisdiction's legislation

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"Distributor" means any natural or legal person in the supply chain who, on his own behalf, furthers the availability of a medical device to the end user

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#### **Experience in Europe**

**Problems** 

Manufacturer OBL

Virtual Manufacturing

Reprocessing

Authorised One or more per manufacturer

Representative One or more per device

What is their exact responsibility

Distributor Barely mentioned in the text

But has a significant role

Importer Lost in our text

Effectively no responsibility

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# Thank You For Listening

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