



ASEAN-U.S. Enhanced Partnership Medical Device Capacity Building Workshop

Regulation of Medical Devices in Hong Kong

A Flexible Approach

**Department of Health
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China**



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■ Agenda

- ◆ Facts & Estimations
- ◆ Objectives and Principles
- ◆ Scope
- ◆ Flexible Conformity Assessment
- ◆ Post-market Surveillance
- ◆ Way Forward



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■ Facts & Estimations

- ◆ Population: 7 Million
- ◆ Models of medical devices: over 20,000
- ◆ Trade
 - ◆ Import
 - For domestic use): ~US\$ 500M
 - Re-export: ~US\$ 1,000M
 - ◆ Domestic Export: ~US\$ 50M
- ◆ Manufacturers: ~100
- ◆ Traders: ~700



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Objective of Regulation

- ◆ Devices should be safe, effective and of good quality



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■ Principles of Regulation

- ◆ Facilitate timely access to safe devices
- ◆ No unnecessary burden to the trade and the government
- ◆ In line with recommendations of Global Harmonization Task Force



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■ Scope

- ◆ Pre-market Control for Classes II, III and IV medical devices
- ◆ Post-market Control
 - ◆ Medical Device Safety Alert System
 - ◆ Adverse Incident Reporting System
- ◆ Control of Local Manufacturers and Importers
- ◆ Recognition of Conformity Assessment Bodies



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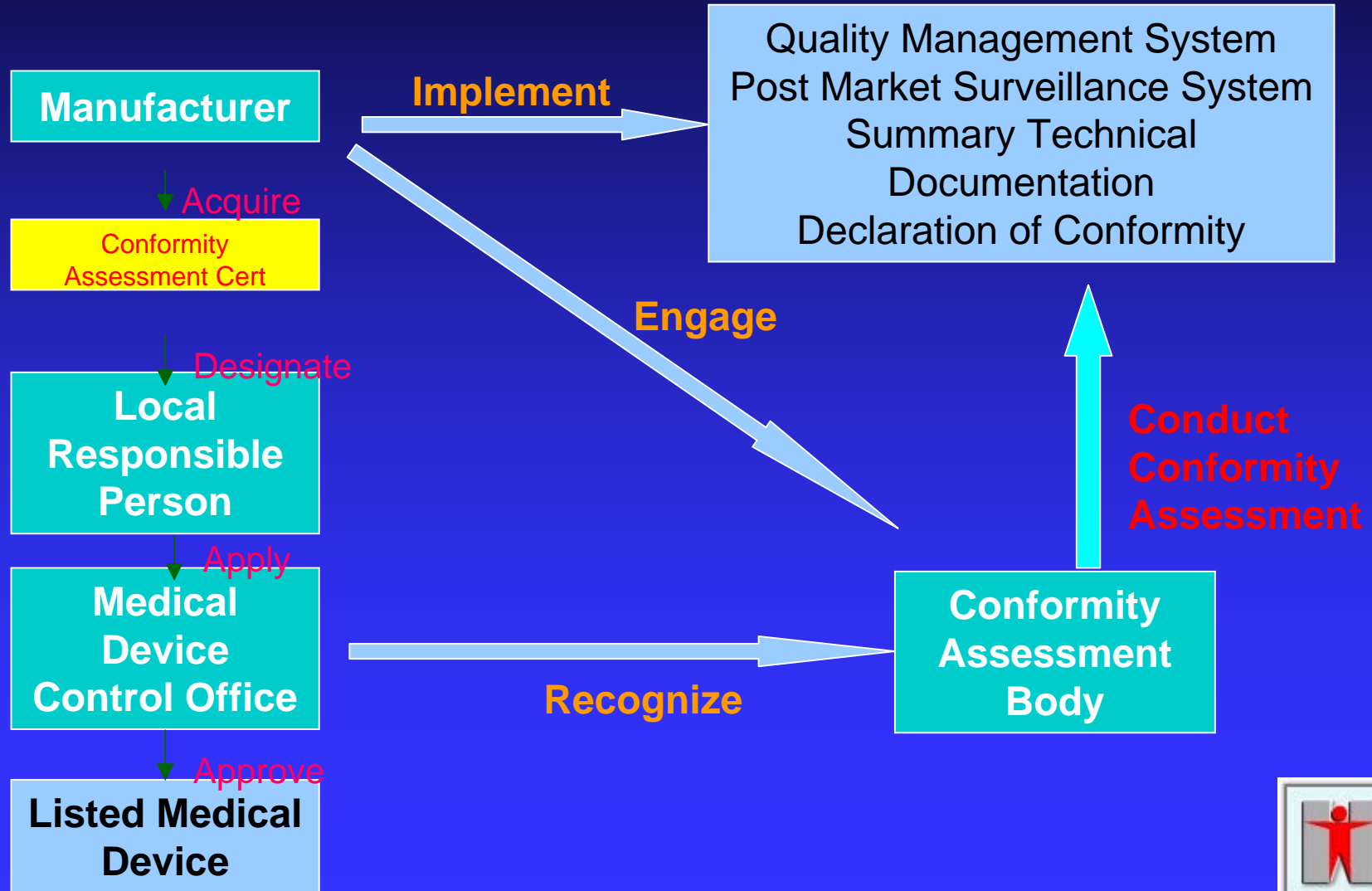
■ Flexible Conformity Assessment

- ◆ CABs recognised by Hong Kong Dept of Health to conduct conformity assessments for local manufacturers
- ◆ Accepting marketing approvals from economies adopting GHTF model to avoid duplication
- ◆ Not specifying any “recognized” standards to avoid trade barrier



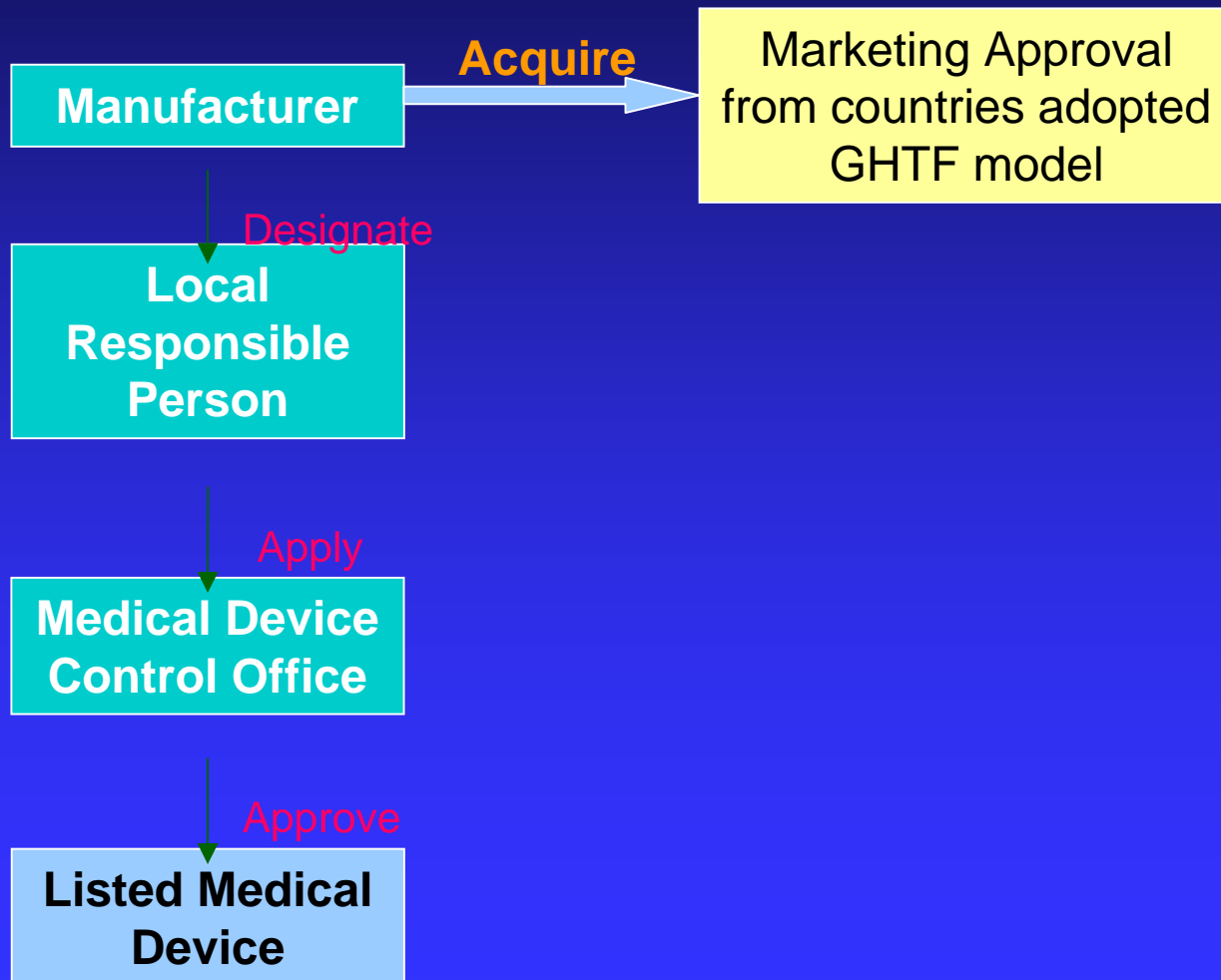
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Conformity Assessment by CAB



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Conformity Assessment by Other Marketing Approval



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■ Beauty of Flexibility

- ◆ Less resources on the part of government
- ◆ Alternatives to suit manufacturers
- ◆ Avoid duplication of conformity assessments
 - ◆ reduce the costs and time for placing products on market
 - ◆ Facilitate the entry of devices into the small Hong Kong market



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- Certificate of Listing
 - ◆ Information on the certificate
 - ◆ Listing no.
 - ◆ Make and model
 - ◆ Device description
 - ◆ Manufacturer and address
 - ◆ Manufacturing sites
 - ◆ Local Responsible Person
 - ◆ Date of issue
 - ◆ Date of expiry

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Special Administrative Region.
Website: www.mdc.gov.hk

表列證書
CERTIFICATE OF LISTING

類別號碼
Listing No.: 050000

廠名及型號
Make and Model: ABC Model D

儀器名稱
Device Description: Glove, surgical, latex

製造商
Manufacturer: ABC
D-123+ West Gateway

製造地點
Manufacturing Site: ABC
D-123+ West Gateway

本地負責人
Local Responsible Person: ABC Hong Kong Limited

茲證明上述產品已在衛生署的「醫療器械行政管制制度」中表列。上述本地負責人已由製造商委任，並承諾遵守「醫療器械行政管制制度」的規定。
This is to certify that the product described above has been listed with the Department of Health under the Medical Device Administrative Control System (MDACS). The above Local Responsible Person has been designated by the Manufacturer and has undertaken to comply with the MDACS requirements.

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- Post-market Surveillance
 - ◆ Medical Device Safety Alert System
 - ◆ Adverse Incident Reporting System



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- Medical Device Safety Alert System
 - ◆ Sources of safety information
 - ◆ GHTF National Competent Authority Report Exchange Program (NCAR Program)
 - ◆ Overseas authorities
 - ◆ Local Responsible Persons
 - ◆ Device suppliers and manufacturers
 - ◆ Hospitals and healthcare institutions
 - ◆ News media...



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- Classes of Safety Alerts
(adapted from US FDA)
 - ◆ Class 1: reasonable chance of serious health problems or death
 - Urgent safety alert
 - ◆ Class 2: possibility causing temporary or reversible health problem
 - Monthly summary
 - ◆ Class 3: little chance causing health problems
 - No action



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Dissemination of alerts

- Urgent Safety Alert Emails

- Press Releases

<http://www.mdco.gov.hk/english/press/press.html>

- Urgent Safety Alerts

<http://www.mdco.gov.hk/english/recalls/recalls.html>

- Monthly Summary of Safety Alerts



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■ Adverse Incident Reporting System

<http://www.mdco.gov.hk/english/report/report.html>

> On-line reporting

> Reporting-form



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■ Way Forward

- ◆ Regulatory Impact Assessment
 - ◆ July to December 2007
 - ◆ Includes public consultation
- ◆ Report to Legislative Council - end 2007
 - ◆ Best option for statutory regulation
 - ◆ Schedule for implementation





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