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Singapore boosts medtech regulatory support and market access

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To transform the regulatory journey from reactive compliance to proactive guidance



The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) and the Singapore Manufacturing Federation Medical Technology Industry Group (SMF MTIG) are pioneering a comprehensive support ecosystem for Singapore's MedTech industry through their strategic partnership, combining the SME Centre@SMF's services with HSA's Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) Innovation Office's technical regulatory expertise.

This dual-pronged approach transforms the regulatory journey from reactive compliance to proactive guidance, offering early consultations during product development or registration. It also promotes awareness to HSA's agile frameworks and new initiatives such as the mutual reliance pilot between Medical Device Authority (MDA) of Malaysia and HSA.

HSA has established reliance programmes with Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, and Sri Lanka, which companies can tap on to reduce time-to-market. As of September 2025, more than 500 applications of medical devices have been processed through Thailand and Australia's reliance on HSA's approval.

The strategic alignment between regulatory excellence and industry support infrastructure positions companies to capitalise on Singapore's growing international regulatory influence while receiving the guidance needed to navigate these accelerated approval processes effectively

SMF has partnered with HSA's HPRG Innovation Office to utilise business advisory services from SME Centre@SMF to provide early regulatory consultation. This enables MedTech companies to receive expert guidance during the critical early stages of product development and regulatory planning, potentially streamlining and expediting their path to market. Specialised professional development programmes will also be rolled out to help MedTech companies navigate the regulatory landscape more effectively and efficiently. HSA experts will serve as speakers and advisors for these programmes, sharing insights on regulatory requirements and best practices to build industry capability and understanding.