
1 Saudi Arabia Regulatory Requirements (SFDA)

A. SFDA Medical Device Registration (MDMA / MDEL)

Your system qualifies as a **medical electrical device + healthcare IT software**, so you must comply with:

Required Actions

- Register company as **Medical Device Establishment (MDEL)**
- Register product under **Medical Device Marketing Authorization (MDMA)**
- Submit:
 - Technical File
 - Risk Management File
 - Clinical Evaluation (if required)
 - Safety & Performance Evidence
 - Labeling & IFU
 - QMS evidence (ISO 13485)

Required Documents

- Device description
- Intended use
- Classification justification
- Essential principles checklist
- Risk management report
- Electrical safety test reports
- Software lifecycle documentation
- Cybersecurity documentation
- Biocompatibility evidence (for implant tag materials)
- Clinical evidence (if biometrics used for identity verification)

2 Quality Management System (ISO 13485)

Mandatory for SFDA approval

You must implement:

- Document control
- Design & development procedures
- Supplier qualification
- Incoming inspection
- Production & process control
- Complaint handling
- CAPA (Corrective & Preventive Actions)
- Internal audits
- Management review

Required Deliverables

- Quality Manual
 - SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures)
 - DHR (Device History Record)
 - DMR (Device Master Record)
 - QMS audit report
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3 Electrical Safety & EMC (IEC 60601 Series)

Applies to:

- Infant ankle tag
- Mother wrist tag
- RTLS readers
- Gate terminals
- Alarm controllers
- Footprint scanner

Required Standards

- **IEC 60601-1** — Electrical safety

- **IEC 60601-1-2** — EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility)
- **IEC 60601-1-6** — Usability engineering
- **IEC 60601-1-11** — Home/clinical environment (if applicable)

Tests Required

- Leakage current
 - Dielectric strength
 - Grounding
 - Temperature rise
 - EMC emissions & immunity
 - ESD protection
 - Radiated RF immunity
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Software Lifecycle Compliance (IEC 62304)

Applies to:

- Backend platform
- Gate terminal software
- Footprint scanner software
- RTLS processing
- Mobile apps (if any)

Required Deliverables

- Software Development Plan
- Software Architecture Document
- Software Requirements Specification (SRS)
- Software Risk Analysis
- Unit test reports
- Integration test reports
- Verification & validation report
- Release notes

- Maintenance plan

Software Safety Classification

- Likely **Class B** (moderate risk)
 - If alarms directly affect infant safety → borderline **Class C**
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5 Risk Management (ISO 14971)

Required Activities

- Hazard identification
- Risk estimation
- Risk control measures
- Residual risk evaluation
- Benefit-risk analysis
- Risk management report

Common Hazards

- Infant tag failure
- Tamper detection failure
- RTLS mis-localization
- Gate authorization failure
- Alarm not triggering
- Biometric mismatch
- Data breach
- Power failure

Required Deliverables

- Hazard Analysis
- FMEA / FTA
- Risk Control Matrix
- Verification of risk controls
- Residual risk report

6 Cybersecurity Requirements

Standards to follow

- **FDA Cybersecurity Guidance (international reference)**
- **IEC 81001-5-1** (health software security)
- **NIST Cybersecurity Framework**
- **Saudi PDPL (Personal Data Protection Law)**

Required Controls

- Encryption (AES-256, TLS 1.3)
- Secure boot
- Firmware signing
- Device authentication (certificates)
- Role-based access control
- Audit logging
- Intrusion detection
- Secure OTA updates
- Vulnerability management

Required Deliverables

- Cybersecurity Risk Assessment
- Threat Model (STRIDE)
- Penetration Test Report
- Secure Development Lifecycle (SDL) documentation
- Patch management plan

7 Biocompatibility (ISO 10993)

Applies to:

- Infant ankle tag strap
- Mother wristband

- Any material contacting skin

Tests Required

- Cytotoxicity
- Sensitization
- Irritation
- Chemical characterization

Materials

- Medical-grade silicone
 - Medical-grade TPU
 - Hypoallergenic adhesives
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8 Radio & Wireless Compliance

Standards

- **CITC/Saudi Communications Authority** requirements
- **ETSI EN 300 328** (BLE)
- **ETSI EN 302 208** (UHF RFID)
- **EN 301 489** (EMC for radio equipment)

Tests

- RF output power
 - Frequency stability
 - Spurious emissions
 - Receiver sensitivity
 - Antenna performance
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9 Data Protection & Privacy (Saudi PDPL)

Requirements

- Consent for biometric data
- Data minimization

- Purpose limitation
- Secure storage
- Access control
- Data retention policy
- Data breach notification
- Privacy impact assessment

Deliverables

- PDPL Compliance Report
 - Data Flow Diagram
 - Privacy Policy
 - Data Processing Agreement
 - DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment)
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10 Usability Engineering (IEC 62366-1)

Required Activities

- User research (nurses, security staff)
- Use error analysis
- UI/UX validation
- Human factors engineering

Deliverables

- Usability Engineering File
 - Use Scenarios
 - User Interface Specification
 - Validation Report
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1 1 Manufacturing & Factory Compliance

Factory Requirements

- ISO 13485 certified

- ESD-safe production lines
- Traceability system
- Incoming inspection
- Final QC testing

Required Deliverables

- Supplier Qualification Report
 - Factory Audit Report
 - Production Test Procedures
 - Device Master Record (DMR)
 - Device History Record (DHR)
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1 2 Labeling & IFU Compliance

Requirements

- Arabic + English
 - SFDA-approved format
 - Include:
 - Device name
 - Intended use
 - Warnings
 - Contraindications
 - Manufacturer info
 - UDI (Unique Device Identifier)
 - Serial number
 - Firmware version
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1 3 Clinical Evaluation (If Required)

Required When:

- Using biometrics for identity verification

- Using RTLS for safety-critical decisions

Deliverables

- Clinical Evaluation Report (CER)
 - Literature review
 - Performance data
 - Pilot study results
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1 4 Environmental & Safety Compliance

Standards

- RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)
- REACH (chemical safety)
- WEEE (electronic waste)

Deliverables

- RoHS Declaration
 - REACH Declaration
 - MSDS for materials
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1 5 Final SFDA Submission Package Checklist

Complete Package Includes:

- Device description
- Intended use
- Essential principles checklist
- Risk management file (ISO 14971)
- Software documentation (IEC 62304)
- Electrical safety reports (IEC 60601-1)
- EMC reports (IEC 60601-1-2)
- Biocompatibility reports (ISO 10993)
- Cybersecurity documentation

- Usability engineering file (IEC 62366-1)
 - Clinical evaluation (if required)
 - Labeling & IFU
 - QMS evidence (ISO 13485)
 - Manufacturing process documentation
 - Test reports
 - Declaration of conformity
 - PDPL compliance documentation
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