

Report on the Status of UDI in Japan



**The Japan Federation of Medical
Devices Associations**

UDI Committee

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1. Developments of UDI in Japan

Developments of UDI, on Japanese and International Levels

2010
UDI is
examined by
the GHTF.

Sept. 2013
U.S. FDA issues
UDI regulations.

Dec. 2013
IMDRF
UDI guidance is issued.

May 2017
EU
MDR IVDR regulations are issued.

2018

March 2016
The latest UDI
operation
manual is
issued, based
on the IMDRF
UDI guidance.

March 2008
• Director,
Economic Affairs
Div., MHLW
notification
“Barcode
marking and
database
registration”
• The JFMDA
manual is
revised.

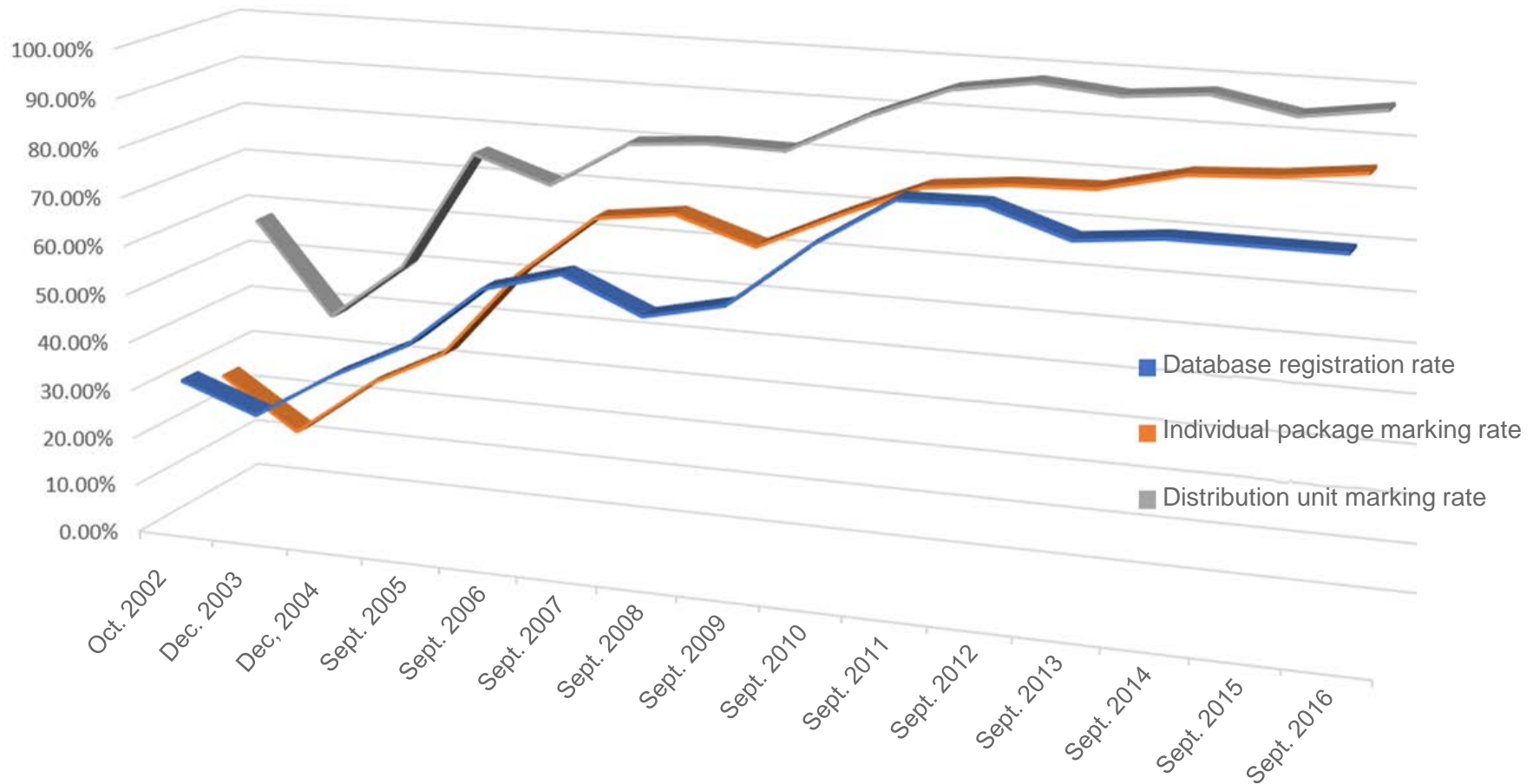
Dec. 2000
The MEDIS-DC
database is
built.

March 1999
Introduction of
EAN-128 is
decided.



The Progress of UDI in Japan

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Issues Involving UDI Progress

- The database registration rate has not improved from the 77% level,
> **Limitation of notification-based operation?**
- The individual package barcode marking rate remains around the 88% level.
> **Limitation of GS1-128 marking**
- The distribution unit barcode marking rate is at a feasible level of the 96% level.

Comparison of the Number of Data Items U.S. Data

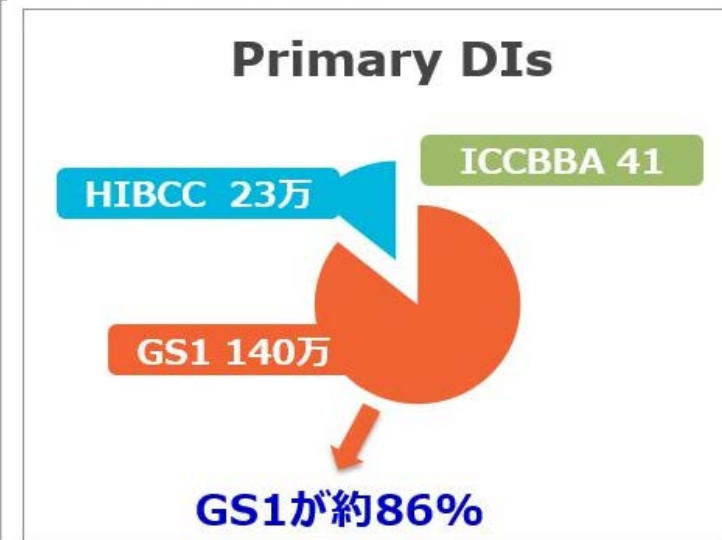
UDI Status in the United States (1)

(Presenter: Ms. Sigg, FDA)



◆ GUDID (Global Unique Device Identification Database)

- The number of registered items has exceeded 1.6 million. (as of April 2, 2018)
- GS1 accounts for the greatest number of registered primary DI items by issuing body.



Comparison of the Number of Data Items Japan Data

May 17, 2018

Report from MEDIS

1. Status of the Medical Device Database

(1) Registration Status	(as of May 10)	(as of March 5)
Total registration number	1,026,334 items (688 companies)	1,029,525 items (680 companies)
Machinery	22,151 items (332 companies)	22,019 items (329 companies)
Devices in general	910,281 items (550 companies)	914,211 items (544 companies)
0. Unredeemable	607,632 items (508 companies)	607,756 items (504 companies)
1. Insurance reimbursement	294,320 items (239 companies)	298,680 items (238 companies)
2. Purchase price	1,041 items (4 companies)	1,041 items (4 companies)
3. Intraocular lens	5,708 items (7 companies)	5,669 items (7 companies)
4. Specific medical fee calculation	1,580 items (19 companies)	1,575 items (19 companies)
No. of items of 1–4 above	302,649 items (269 companies)	306,965 items (268 companies)
In vitro diagnosis	12,328 items (81 companies)	12,146 items (81 companies)
Other	81,574 items (283 companies)	80,639 items (283 companies)

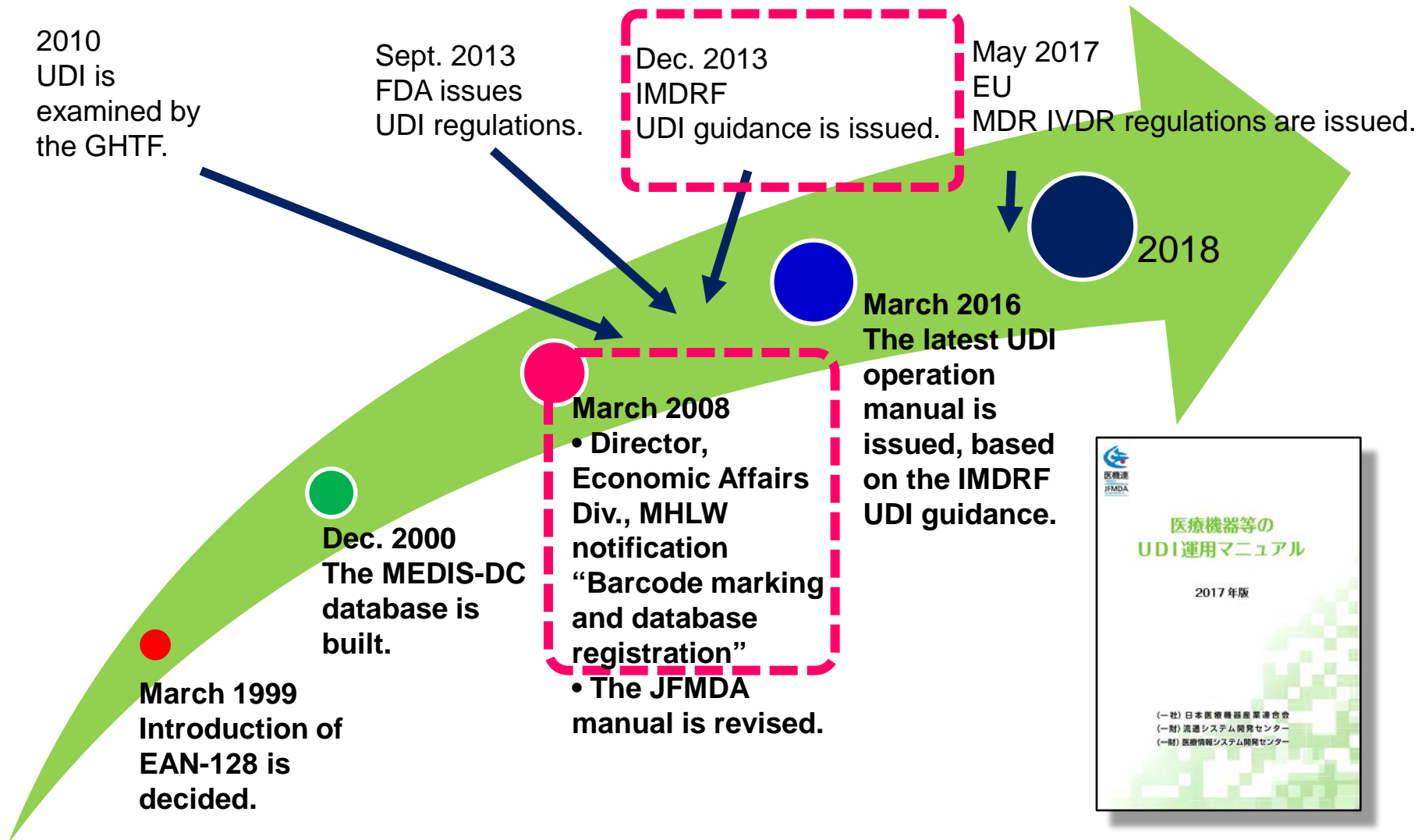
Comparison of the Number of Data Items

- The number of MEDIS-DC data items: approx. 1 million
Too small compared with 1.6 million in the U.S.?
- The number of items reported to the MEDIS-DC is GTIN-13.
- The actual number represents GTIN; if about half of these items have an inner box, the number amounts to 1.5 million.
At the GTIN level, the number is assumed to be equivalent to 2 million.



2. Operation of UDI in Japan

UDI Guidelines in Japan



The Scope of Notifications Issued in 2008

	Direct marking on the product body		Marking on individual package (Note 4)			Marking on inner box/outer box		
	Product code	Lot No. or serial No.	Product code	Validity/expiration date	Lot No. or serial No.	Product code	Validity/expiration date	Lot No. or serial No.
Specially controlled medical devices (Note 5) (Including specific maintenance management medical devices)			◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
Special Treatment Materials			◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
Medical devices other than those described above			◎	○	○	◎	◎	◎
In vitro diagnostics			◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
Consumable materials other than medical devices			○	○	○	◎	○	○

(Note 4) The “individual package” refers to the smallest unit of an item’s packaging, which packages the content directly. However, except Special Treatment Materials, **the barcode marking shall be made optional for items whose unit of the individual package is not the smallest sales unit (the unit of package insert).**

(Note 5) Of the specific maintenance management medical devices, for large medical devices, such as “installation controlled medical devices” (specified in Paragraph 1, Article 93, Ordinance for Enforcement of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act), **the individual package marking shall be made optional.**

6. Points to Note Regarding Barcode Marking

- (1) Although marking the barcode **directly on the body of medical devices** is outside the scope this time, it will be **examined in the future, based on international harmonization, technology development, and the verification of such technology, etc.**
- (2) Regarding data left to each company's voluntary decision (**optional marking**), a subsequent **expansion of the scope of marking shall be examined**, based on the status of marking and usage in the future.



International Guidelines for UDI Operation

The International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF) issued the Medical Device UDI Guidance in December 2013.



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- Canada
- China
- Europe
- Japan
- Russia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- USA

IMDRF/WG/N7/FINAL:2013



IMDRF International Medical Device Regulators Forum

Final Document

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Unique Device Identification (UDI) of Medical Devices

Authoring Group: IMDRF UDI Working Group

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The Purport of the IMDRF UDI Guidance

- a. traceability of medical devices, especially for field safety corrective actions,
- b. adequate identification of medical devices through distribution and use,
- c. identification of medical devices in adverse events,
- d. reduction of medical errors,
- e. documenting and longitudinal capture of data on medical devices.

IMDRF Guidance Documents

IMDRF/WG/N7/FINAL:2013

11. Annex

Category	Unpacked UoU → Direct Part Marking (DPM)	Base Package	Bulk Package Higher package configuration	Remarks
Single-use MD				
• IMDRF class A (low-risk)	-	-	DI + PI	• Flexibility on possible exemption for PI
• IMDRF class B (medium-r.)	-	-	DI + PI	
• IMDRF classes C+D (high-r.)	-	DI + PI	DI + PI	
Reusable MD				• Require reprocessing between uses
• All risk-classes	DI + PI	DI + PI	DI + PI	• Not all package levels necessarily exist, e.g.: surgical instruments, intravenous (IV) infusion pumps.
Implantable MD				• PI = Serial number for active implants
• Sterile	-	DI + PI	DI + PI	• Usually single packed (1 piece)
• Non-sterile	Must be identifiable	DI + PI	DI + PI	• Often multiple packed ("n" pieces) • Not necessarily DPM, other technological options allowed to identify the unpacked MD
Others				
• Kits (IVD / non-IVD)	-	DI + PI	DI + PI	• Concerns the kit package itself
• SaMD	DI + PI	DI + PI	-	• Must not necessarily be packed
• Configurable MD Systems	DI + PI	-		• AIDC carrier to be placed on a 'main part' (primary mode of action)
• OTC exclusively	-	-	DI (linear bar code)	• Point-of-Sale scanners can't work with PI
• OTC + other channels	-	-	DI + PI (non-concatenated)	• PI should be presented in a separate AIDC carrier due to Point-of-Sale scanners

Differences from the IMDRF Guidance

	Direct marking on the product body		Marking on the individual package (Note 4)			Marking on the inner box/outer box		
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We will prepare for international harmonization through voluntary initiatives in the scope of optional individual package marking, marking on the product, direct marking on the product body.

Background of International Harmonization

GS1 Healthcare materials

A few examples of Data Carriers across the supply chain



The Warehouse

GS1-128
"Concatenated" data



GS1-128
"Non-Concatenated" data



2-row barcode:

GTIN fixed information is printed in advance in some cases.



The Hospital

GS1-128
"Concatenated" data



GS1-128
"Non-Concatenated" data



GS1 DataMatrix



2-dimensional symbol:

To deal with small individual packages



The Point-of-Care

GS1-128
"Concatenated" data



GS1 DataMatrix



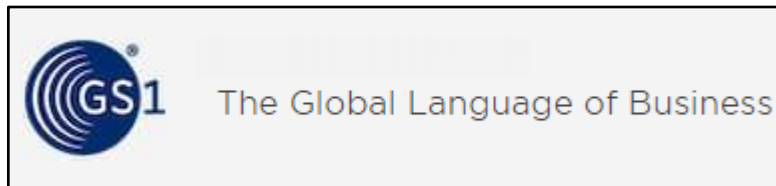
We need to accept and work with the 2-row barcode and 2-dimensional symbol.

The Positioning of the JFMEDA Manual



Complies with international operation guidelines

- The scope of UDI marking
- UDI marking methods, information content



Adopted international standard specifications

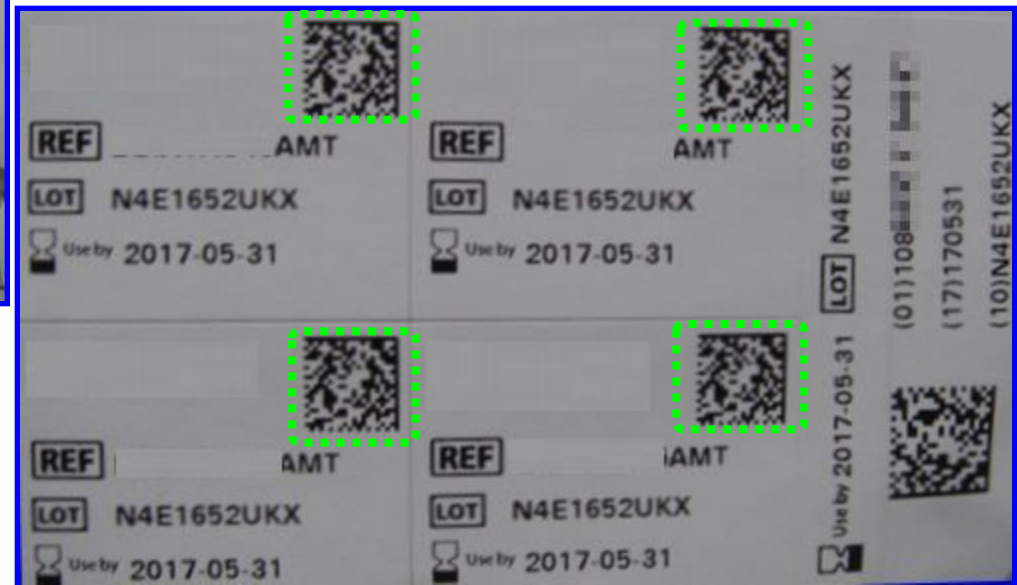
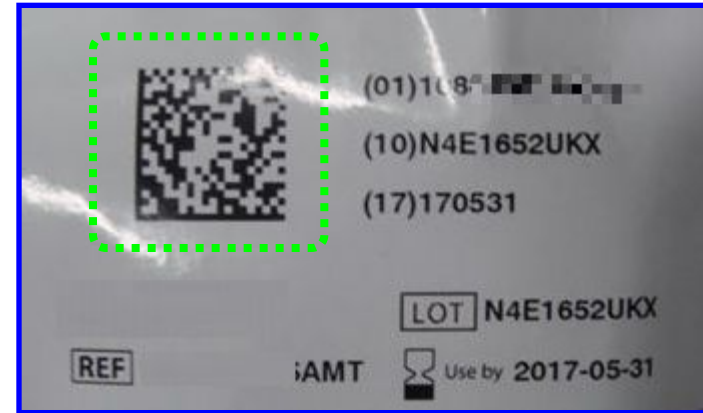
- Product identification code
- AIDC-compliant specifications



Initiatives for International Harmonization

1. Promoting Marking on the Product and Direct Marking Direct on the Product Body
 - Marking on medical devices that are used repeatedly after washing, disinfection, and sterilization.
 - Marking on the body of portable medical devices
2. Promoting Marking on Individual Packages
 - Marking on individual packages of products below the sales unit
 - The GS1 data matrix is used for marking on individual packages on which GS1-128 barcode marking is difficult.
3. Initiatives for International Harmonization
 - Acceptance of the GS1-128/GS1 data matrix on products manufactured overseas

Examples of Individual Package Marking on UDI-Compliant Products in the USA



Since over-labeling is impossible after importing, such marking will be used as is. It is also impossible to work on direct markings on the product body of medical devices after manufacturing.

Operation Based on International Harmonization

Imports:

- When the barcode of the overseas manufacturer of the product is GS1 and its necessary manufacturing information is included, the product can be distributed in Japan as is.
- The GS1 standard GTIN can be operated in Japan as is; it is not necessary to have a new GS1 operator code provided from the MEDIS-DC (GS1 Japan) and set a GTIN-13 (JAN) starting with 49 or 45.

It is possible to obtain a GTIN-13 from GTIN, and operate it in Japan, as with JAN.

Exports:

- It is possible to export products using GTIN generated with a GTIN-13 (JAN) starting with 49 or 45.



Thank you for your attention.