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Medical device notification procedures, product movements and other related works and transactions are monitored through the product tracking system known as "UTS". On 27 November 2019, the Medicines and Medical Devices Agency published an *announcement*(Turkish language) on an obligation to register medical devices sold alongside pharmaceuticals.

Pursuant to the announcement, in cases where a reference to a medical device is made in the summary of product characteristics or product information leaflet of a pharmaceutical, the manufacturer or importer of the pharmaceutical shall be registered as a licensed sales centre of medical devices and be responsible for the UTS registration of the medical device and any corresponding notification procedures. Medical devices that are available within the package of the pharmaceutical but not mentioned in the SmPC or PIL do not require additional UTS registrations or notifications.

The reasoning behind this announcement is not clear. As there is no provision stating when the obligation will come in force, it is considered to be in force as of its publication. Another announcement explaining the reasoning of this new registration obligation or detailing the process for pharmaceutical companies may be provided.