IMDA’S REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES FOR CLINICAL TRIALS (UPDATED)

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PROVISION OF INFORMATION

- Importers of telecommunication devices (limited to wireless devices such as tablets and mobile phones) into Singapore for the purpose of conducting clinical trials will no longer be required to apply for a Technical Trial Permit from IMDA.

- However, importers shall need to indicate the purpose of importing such devices when declaring the imports via TradeNet. The purpose can be included in the “Remarks” column within TradeNet’s online declaration form. IMDA may contact the importer if further clarification is required.

- Please indicate whether local or overseas SIM cards are used, and if so, indicate the name(s) of the local or overseas telecommunication service provider(s), in the “Remarks” column.
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- For those who are hand-carrying the telecommunication devices into Singapore to conduct clinical trials, please provide the relevant information (i.e. contact details, details of import, purpose of import, duration and location of trial, etc) to email: tlsinfo@imda.gov.sg for IMDA’s information.

- Please indicate whether local or overseas SIM cards are used, and if so, indicate the name(s) of the local or overseas telecommunication service provider(s), in the email.
ADDITIONAL POINTS TO NOTE

- If the equipment used for the trial is to be imported/sold for use in Singapore after the trial, the person/company importing/selling the equipment would need to:
  a) apply for the Telecommunication Dealer’s Licence from IMDA, to import and sell the equipment, and
  b) register the equipment with IMDA, to ensure that the equipment is compatible with the public networks

Otherwise, the equipment should be exported and returned to overseas supplier

- As far as possible, please use the telecommunication services provided by authorised public network service providers (e.g. Singtel Mobile, M1, StarHub Mobile, etc.) for the clinical trial and for any subsequent service

- Do ensure that the collection, use, retention and disclosure of any personal data comply with the requirements under the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA), prior to and after the trial
Thank you