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This guidance applies to workstation 

medical image displays for diagnostic 

radiology. These devices are classified 

as class II devices that are intended to 

be used in controlled viewing 

conditions to display and view digital 

images for primary image interpretation. 

Display devices for diagnostic radiology 

may also be referred to as soft-copy 

displays or medical grade monitors.

II. Significance of Guidance

This guidance is being issued 

consistent with FDA’s good guidance 

practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). 

This guidance represents the current 

thinking of FDA on Display Devices for 

Diagnostic Radiology. It does not 
establish any rights for any person and 
is not binding on FDA or the public. 

You can use an alternative approach if 

it satisfies the requirements of the 

applicable statutes and regulations. This 
guidance is not subject to Executive 

Order 12866.

III. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy 

of the guidance may do so by 
downloading an electronic copy from the 

Internet. A search capability for all 

Center for Devices and Radiological 

Health guidance documents is available 

at https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ 

DeviceRegulationandGuidance/ 

GuidanceDocuments/default.htm. 

Guidance documents are also available 

at https://www.regulations.gov. Persons 

unable to download an electronic copy 

of “Display Devices for Diagnostic 

Radiology” may send an email request to 

CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov to 

receive an electronic copy of the 

document. Please use the document 

number 1500022 to identify the 
guidance you are requesting.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously 

approved collections of information 

found in FDA regulations. These 
collections of information are subject to 

review by the Office of Management and 

Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork 


3520). The collections of information in 

21 CFR part 807, subpart E have been 

approved under OMB control number 

0910–0120; the collections of 

information in 21 CFR part 801 have 

been approved under OMB control 

number 0910–0485; and the collections 
of information in the guidance entitled 

“Requests for Feedback on Medical 

Device Submissions: The Pre-

Submission Program and Meetings with 

Food and Drug Administration Staff” 

have been approved under OMB control 

number 0910–0756.


Leslie Kux, 

Associate Commissioner for Policy. 

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Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2017–D–5372 for “Marketing Clearance of Diagnostic Ultrasound Systems and Transducers; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at https://www.regulations.gov or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

An electronic copy of the guidance document is available for download from the Internet. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for information on electronic access to the guidance. Submit written requests for a single hard copy of the draft guidance document entitled “Marketing Clearance of Diagnostic Ultrasound Systems and Transducers; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff” to the Office of the Center Director, Guidance and Policy Development, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5431, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request.

For further information contact:
Shahram Vaezy, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 4227A, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–6242 or Keith Wear, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 62, Rm. 2104, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–2538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

When finalized, this draft guidance will provide detailed recommendations for manufacturers seeking marketing clearance of diagnostic ultrasound systems and transducers. In addition, this draft guidance, when final, is intended to supersede FDA’s 2008 guidance entitled, “Information for Manufacturers Seeking Marketing Clearance of Diagnostic Ultrasound Systems and Transducers,” regarding FDA’s approach to the regulation of certain diagnostic ultrasound devices. (Ref. 1). In addition to the regulatory approaches outlined in the 2008 document, additional guidance is provided for deciding when a device modification to a diagnostic ultrasound device can be made without the need for submission of a new premarket notification (510(k)) submission. As before, device sponsors who comply with the applicable premarket notification requirements will continue to be exempt from the Electronic Product Radiation Control reporting requirements in 21 CFR 1002.12, for diagnostic ultrasound devices, as described in the notice to industry entitled “Exemption from Reporting under 21 CFR 1002” (dated February 24, 1986) (Ref. 2). When finalized, this draft guidance is applicable to diagnostic ultrasound devices under 21 CFR 892.1550 (Ultrasonic pulsed doppler imaging system), 21 CFR 892.1560 (Ultrasonic pulsed echo imaging system), and 21 CFR 892.1570 (Diagnostic ultrasound transducer).

II. Significance of Guidance

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on “Diagnostic Ultrasound Systems and Transducer Devices.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

III. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the draft guidance may do so by downloading an electronic copy from the Internet. A search capability for all Center for Devices and Radiological Health guidance documents is available at https://www.fda.gov/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm. Guidance documents are also available at https://www.regulations.gov. Persons unable to download an electronic copy of “Marketing Clearance of Diagnostic Ultrasound Systems and Transducers: Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff” may send an email request to CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number 560 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This draft guidance refers to previously approved collections of
information found in FDA regulations. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 807, subpart E, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0120, the collections of information in 21 CFR part 820 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0073, and the collections of information in 21 CFR part 801 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0485. The collections of information in 21 CFR parts 1002 and 1010 are approved under OMB control number 0910–0025.

V. References

The following references are on display in the Dockets Management Staff (see ADDRESSES) and are available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; they are also available electronically at https://www.regulations.gov. FDA has verified the Web site address, as of the date this document publishes in the Federal Register, but Web sites are subject to change over time.


2. FDA, “Information for Industry.” Available at: https://www.fda.gov/RadiationEmittingProducts/RadiationEmittingProductsandProcedures/MedicalImaging/ucm115357.htm


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2017–N–5776]

Equivalence of Complex Products; Public Workshop; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is announcing the following public workshop entitled “Demonstrating Equivalence of Generic Complex Drug Substances and Formulations: Advances in Characterization and In Vitro Testing.” The purpose of the workshop is to share FDA’s current experiences on the evaluation and characterization of critical quality attributes for complex drug substances (e.g. polymeric and naturally derived substances and peptides) and formulations (e.g. liposomes, emulsions, suspensions, and polymeric inserts); discuss current and future innovative approaches for the development and regulatory review of equivalent complex drug products; obtain input from various stakeholders on how to conduct and assess critical quality attribute measurements to demonstrate equivalence of complex drug products; and request comments on these topics.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on October 6, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Submit either electronic or written comments on this public workshop by November 10, 2017. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for registration date and information.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held at FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503 B+C), Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Entrance for the public workshop participants (non-FDA employees) is through Building 1 where routine security check procedures will be performed. For parking and security information, please refer to https://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/BuildingsandFacilities/WhiteOakCampusInformation/ucm241740.htm.

You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before November 10, 2017. The https://www.regulations.gov electronic filing system will accept comments until midnight Eastern Time at the end of November 10, 2017. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to https://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on https://www.regulations.gov.

2. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

Written/Paper Submissions

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