

Intertek approved as India's first certification body for ICMED scheme

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Intertek, a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide has been approved as India's first certification body for the Indian Certification for Medical Devices (ICMED) scheme.

This quality certification scheme for medical devices is an initiative by the Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AIMED) in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI) and the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) in quality certification for medical devices in the country.

The scheme is also intended to significantly eliminate trading of sub-standard products or devices where supply chains are unknown, a widespread and injurious occurrence in the Indian market.

Through the introduction of this quality certification scheme, the associations intend to enhance patient safety, consumer protection and provide the much needed product credentials to manufacturers to instil confidence among buyers.

Sandeep Vig, director, Business Assurance and Electrical, Intertek India said, "AIMED, QCI and NABCB have given us an opportunity to showcase our expertise in quality testing for the medical device industry. With this accreditation, we aim to reduce the substantial cost and time for Indian companies to obtain globally accepted quality certification and thus eliminate the malpractice of sub-standard or fraudulent certification and quality audits."

Intertek's full suite of medical quality and compliance solutions include regulatory requirements for medical equipment, medical product testing solutions and medical management systems certification and auditing.

Informed Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB, "QCI is initiating a number of voluntary certification schemes to facilitate industry and demonstrate compliance to the best global standards of which ICMED is one of them. NABCB would be providing world class accreditation services in support of these schemes and having one of the most well known certification bodies approved under the ICMED scheme adds value to the scheme."

Intertek has a network of more than 1,000 laboratories in more than 100 countries and delivers innovative and bespoke assurance, testing, inspection and certification solutions for customers operations and supply chains.

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