

# MDSAP: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURERS?

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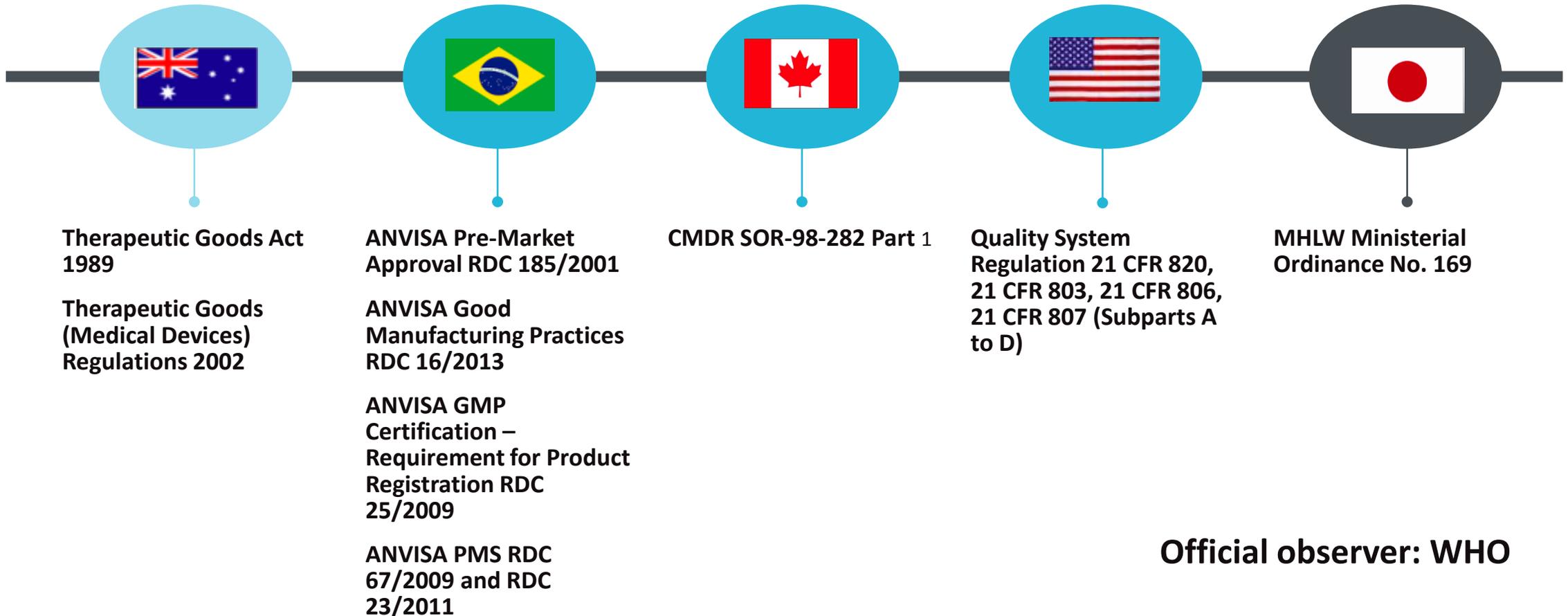
# WHAT IS MDSAP?

- MDSAP is Medical Device Single Audit Program
- Program that allows a single regulatory audit of a QMS that satisfies the requirements of multiple regulatory jurisdictions
- Audits are conducted by Auditing Organizations (AOs) authorized by the participating Regulatory Authorities
- Program's main mission is to "...jointly leverage regulatory resources to manage an efficient, effective, and sustainable single audit program focused on the oversight of medical device manufacturers"

# MDSAP AUDIT CRITERIA



## ISO 13485 + Applicable Regulations



# HOW DO PARTICIPATING REGULATORS USE MDSAP PROGRAM?



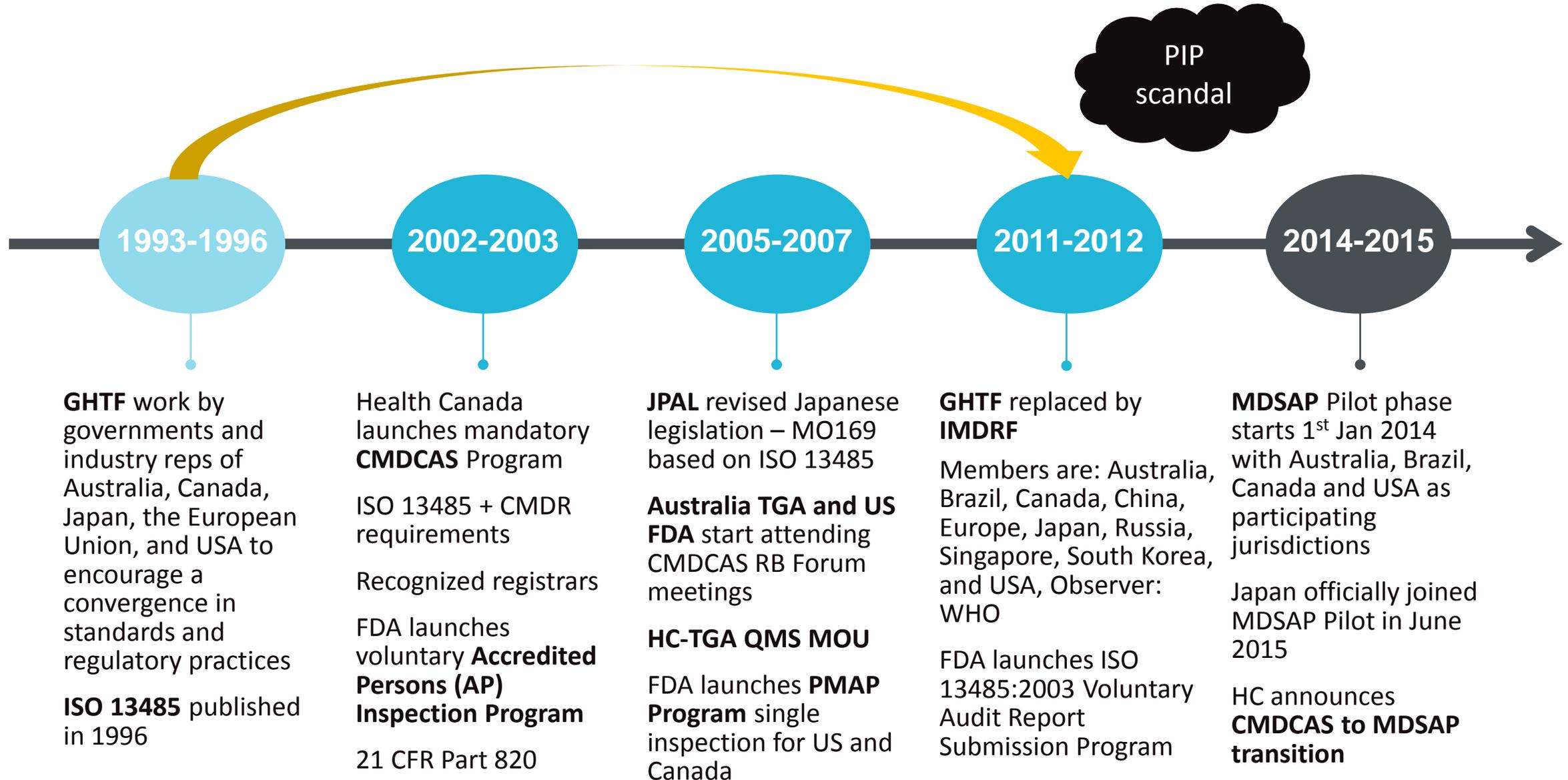
Jurisdiction	Use of MDSAP Reports/Certificates
<b>Australia</b>	<p>Where regulations do not require a TGA Conformity Assessment Certificate (CAC), TGA will accept MDSAP certificates as evidence of compliance with ISO 13485 where the standard has been used to demonstrate partial compliance with the requirements of an Australian Conformity Assessment Procedure.</p> <p>Where regulations require a TGA CAC, TGA will take into account MDSAP certificates when deciding to issue or maintain a TGA CAC. Under some circumstances, a manufacturer may avoid routine TGA inspections.</p>
<b>Brazil</b>	<p>ANVISA may use MDSAP audit reports in lieu of premarket inspections by ANVISA to grant ANVISA's GMP Certificates</p> <p>ANVISA can also use MDSAP audit reports to renew ANVISA GMP Certificates bi-annually as an alternative to an ANVISA comprehensive inspection.</p>
<b>Canada</b>	<p>MDSAP certificate is required to apply for a license for Class 2, 3 or 4 devices (CMDR, section 32(2)(f), (3)(j), 4(p), 34, and 43.1)</p>
<b>Japan</b>	<p>MHLW and PMDA can use MDSAP audit reports to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exempt a manufacturing site from on-site inspection (restrictions apply)</li><li>Substitute considerable part of the documentation to be supplied by the Marketing Authorization Holder for inspection with the MDSAP audit report.</li></ul>
<b>United States</b>	<p>CDRH will accept MDSAP audit reports as a substitute for FDA routine inspections.</p>



# WHY WAS THE MDSAP PROGRAM DEVELOPED?

- Enable appropriate regulatory oversight of medical device manufacturers' quality management systems while minimizing regulatory burden on industry;
- Promote more efficient and flexible use of regulatory resources through work-sharing and mutual acceptance among regulators while respecting the sovereignty of each authority;
- Promote globally, in the longer term, a greater alignment of regulatory approaches and technical requirements based on international standards and best practices;
- Promote consistency, predictability and transparency of regulatory programs by standardizing;
  - the practices and procedures of participating regulators for the oversight of third party auditing organizations, and
  - the practices and procedures of participating third party auditing organizations; and
  - Leverage, where appropriate, existing requirements and procedures for conformity assessment.

# BACKGROUND OF MDSAP PROGRAM



# MDSAP PROGRAM MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES WITH PREVIOUS REGULATORY PROGRAMS

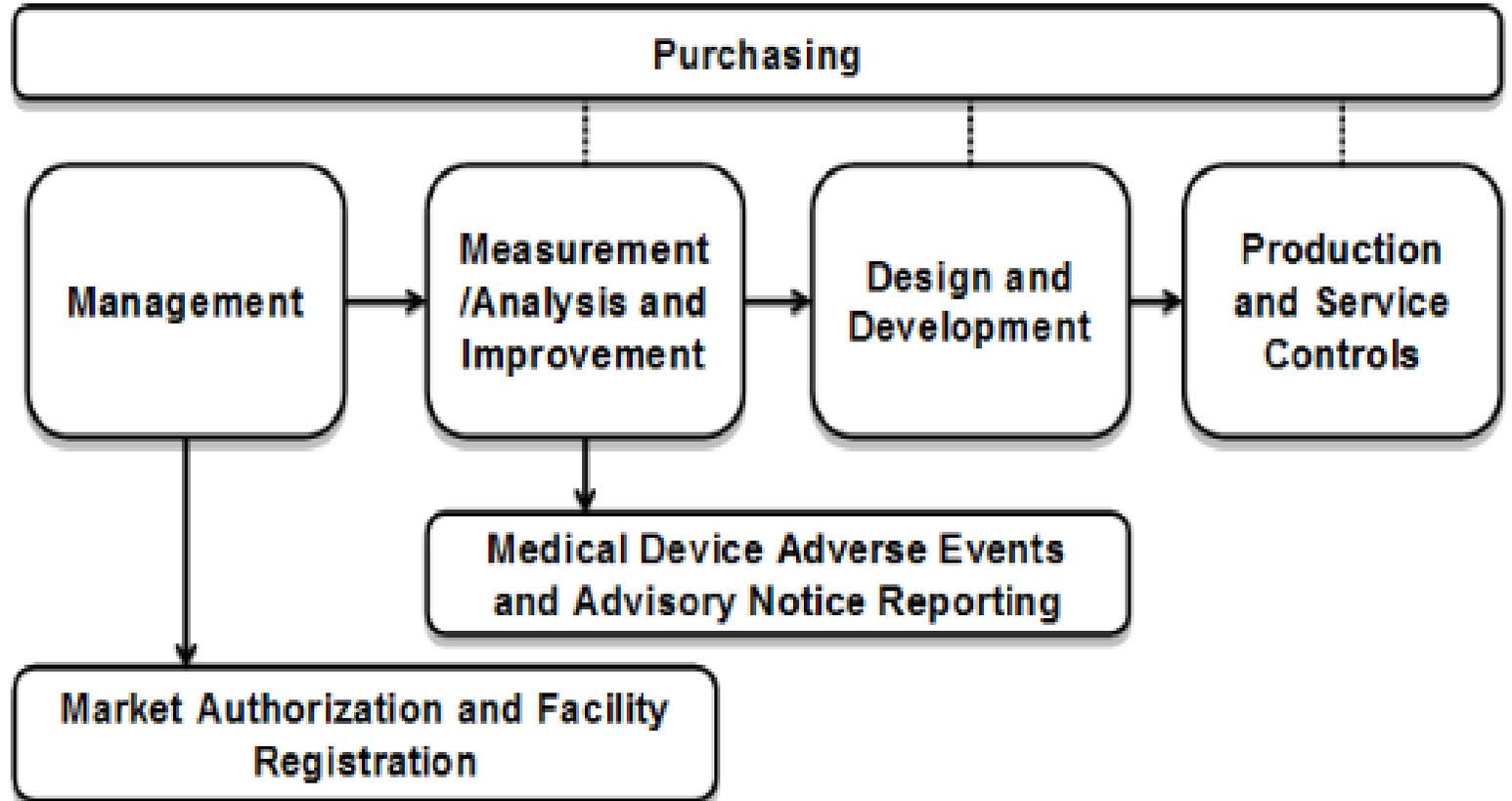


- MDSAP Pilot addressed concerns/interests of the regulators:
  - Does not introduce any new requirement - you should already be meeting regulatory requirements, the main difference with previous 3<sup>rd</sup> party programs is how audits are performed
  - Notifications to Regulatory Authorities (RAs), e.g. that manufacturer has joined/left the program
  - Sequence designed to ensure appropriate coverage and scrutiny of all relevant requirements in a consistent and predictable manner – Audit Model (see next slide)
  - Audit duration not based on headcount – depends on scope and applicable jurisdictions
  - NC grading 1-5 based on rules in GHTF N19 and prescribed timeline for responses to findings
  - Audit report fillable pdf form imposed to Auditing Organizations
  - All audit reports made available to regulators, not only upon request
  - Unannounced audits
  - Direct oversight by regulators over Auditing Organizations

# MDSAP AUDIT MODEL



- Prescriptive Process-Based Approach
- Risk focused
- Four primary processes and three supporting process defined
- Mandatory Sequence For Auditing Primary Processes
- Audit task sets prescribed for Each Process
- Emphasis on consideration of linkages between processes
- Prescribed sampling methodology



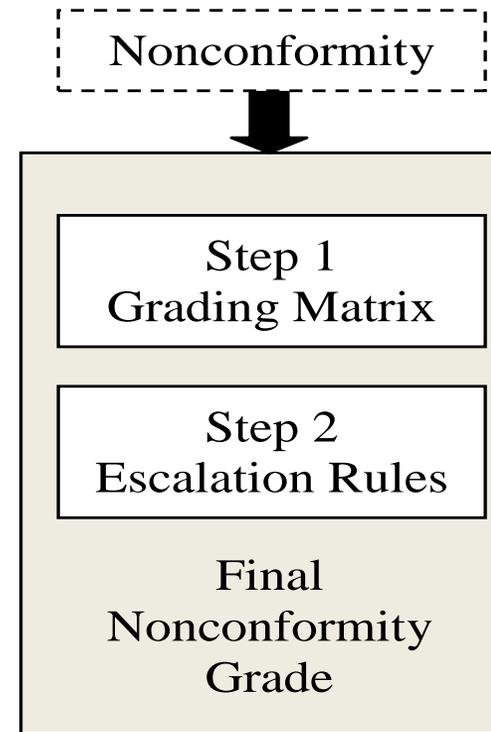
# MDSAP FINDINGS: 2 STEP PROCESS



A two-step approach that leads to calculation of a final grade for each nonconformity

**Step 1** - A Nonconformity Grading Matrix, which provides an initial grade

**Step 2** - Additional escalation rules are applied, to determine a final grade



**Figure 1: Grading Overview**

# STEP 1: GRADING MATRIX



Grade the non-conformances based on

- (1) Direct vs. indirect impact on potential to affect safety or performance &
- (2) First vs. repeat occurrences of the finding

QMS Impact	Direct	3	4
	Indirect	1	2
		First	Repeat
		Occurrence	

## STEP 2: ESCALATION

Step 1 grade is increased by 1 for each rule:

- **Rule 1: Absence of a documented process or procedure**

The absence of a documented process or procedure will fundamentally affect consistency and effective implementation of any process.

- **Rule 2: Release of a Nonconforming Medical Device**

A nonconformity which resulted in the release of a nonconforming medical device to the market is direct evidence of a QMS failure. This rule in the grading system is assessing the QMS nonconformity at a higher risk, because nonconforming product is on the market and outside the control of the manufacturer's QMS.

Note: Does not apply to controlled concessions.

# UNANNOUNCED AUDITS



Auditing Organizations shall carry out unannounced audits if previous audits indicate serious and/or frequent nonconformities.

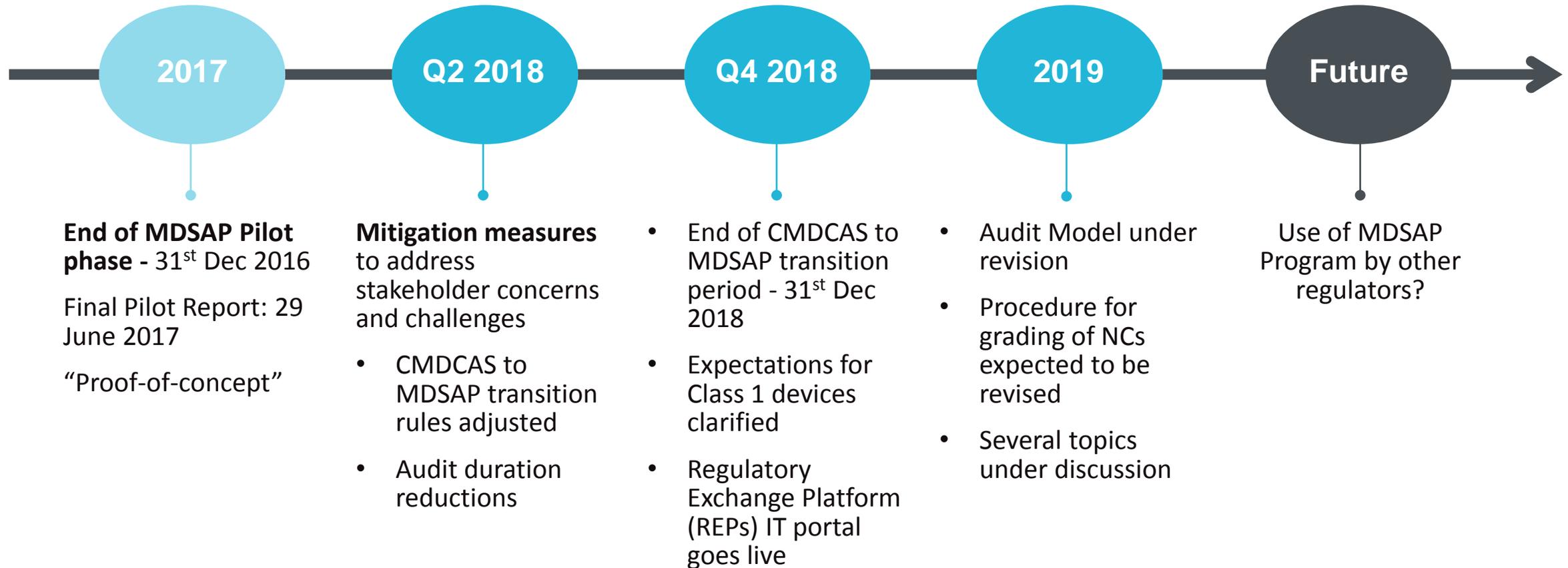
An unannounced audit shall occur following any audit that results in:

- $1 \leq \#$  of NCs graded as 5

or,

- $2 < \#$  of NCs graded as a 4

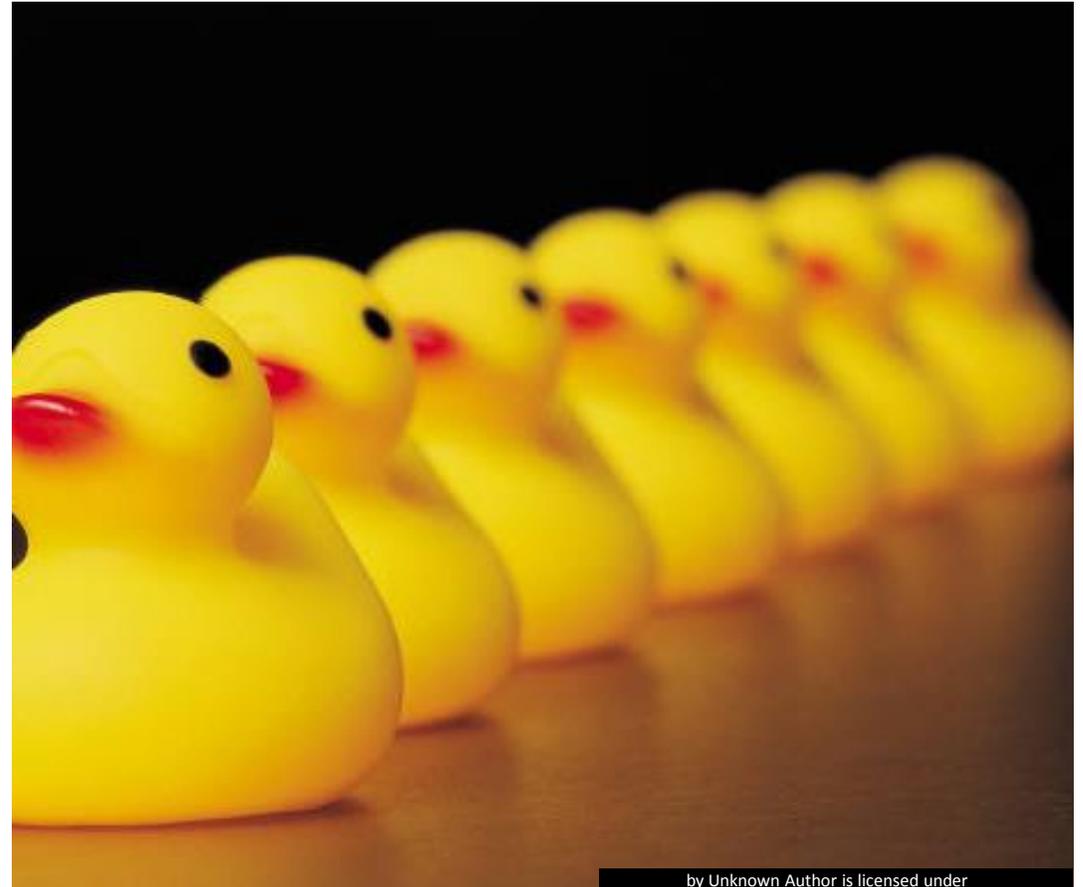
# MDSAP PROGRAM RECENT AND FUTURE





# PREPARING FOR MDSAP AUDIT

- Be prepared to expertly demonstrate that you have satisfied all regulatory requirements applicable to your devices, including:
  - Regulatory roles per jurisdiction
  - Device classification
  - Market clearance
  - Change notification
  - Reporting device adverse event and field corrective action/recalls



# PREPARING FOR MDSAP AUDIT



- Understand the scope and context for the upcoming MDSAP audit
- Perform a gap analysis & create an action plan
- Train personnel on MDSAP audit model, regulatory requirements, and/or new/revised processes
- Perform an internal audit against all relevant regulatory requirements
- Conduct a management review

# RESOURCES



- IMDRF Home Page: <http://www.imdrf.org>
- MDSAP Home Page: <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/InternationalPrograms/MDSAPPilot/>
- Q&A Document on MDSAP Program:  
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/InternationalPrograms/MDSAPPilot/UCM430563.pdf>
- Audit Model:  
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/InternationalPrograms/MDSAPPilot/UCM390382.pdf>
- Companion Document:  
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/InternationalPrograms/MDSAPPilot/UCM390383.pdf>
- GHTF N19 NC Grading System:  
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/InternationalPrograms/MDSAPPilot/UCM468937.pdf>

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