MedTech Europe welcomes EU–Switzerland agreement package and update of the long-awaited Mutual Recognition Agreement

Brussels, 12 March 2026 – MedTech Europe, Swiss Medtech and SVDI welcome the recent signature of a new package of agreements between the European Union and Switzerland aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation and providing a more stable and predictable framework for economic and regulatory relations between the two partners.

Of particular relevance for the medical technology sector is the update of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) and its Annexes. The MRA allows medical devices certified in the EU or Switzerland to be accepted in both markets without duplicative regulatory procedures, while upholding high standards of safety and quality of devices.

The medical devices chapter of the EU–Switzerland Mutual Recognition Agreement was not updated in 2021 following the entry into application of the EU Medical Device Regulation (MDR), resulting in additional regulatory and administrative requirements for companies in both markets when placing medical technologies on the respective markets.

Updating the medical technology chapter of the MRA therefore represents a crucial step towards reducing regulatory duplication and improving the efficiency of supply chains, while supporting the timely access of safe, effective and innovative medical technologies for patients and healthcare systems across both markets.

Strengthened regulatory cooperation between the EU and Switzerland contributes to reinforcing Europe's position as a global hub for medical technology research, innovation and manufacturing. Predictable and efficient regulatory environments remain essential to fostering Europe's attractiveness for medical technology companies and investment.

MedTech Europe, Swiss Medtech and SVDI will continue to engage constructively with EU and Swiss authorities as the ratification process advances and stand ready to support the effective implementation of the updated framework.

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About MedTech Europe

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