

In order to be compliant to ISO 13485 for sterilized medical device packaging, companies must achieve compliance to ISO 11607 for terminally sterilized packaging. The following stage gates mark major milestones that must be achieved in order to take medical device packaging from conception to commercialization. This cheat sheet outlines some of the main steps companies need to take to accelerate the process toward compliance.



## DESIGN

- Identify packaging material and design
- Evaluate product and packaging interaction
- Evaluate human interaction for packaging presentation
- Evaluate the supply chain and distribution environments



## VERIFY

- Verification and validation testing - ensuring the validity of the packaging system process
- Installation Qualification - demonstration that equipment has been installed correctly and operates as intended
- Operational Qualification - demonstration that the packaging process produces acceptable results at the limits of the process window
- Performance Qualification - demonstration that the packaging system process is stable and capable when run under normal manufacturing conditions



## QUALIFY

**Accelerated and Real Time Aging** - test material stability over time.

Integrity Check - Cross reference your risk assessment, user, shelf life, and integrity requirements, which may include:

- Sterile barrier integrity
- Label legibility/integrity
- UDI verification
- Aseptic presentation

**Distribution and Transit Testing** - shipping a package through the supply chain environments: how does the product perform when shipped through the rigorous channel?

Integrity Check - Cross reference your risk assessment, user, shelf life, and integrity requirements, which may include:

- Sterile barrier integrity
- Label legibility/integrity
- UDI verification
- Aseptic presentation
- Device functionality



## COMMERCIALIZE

- Ensure successful testing, cGMP and GxP compliance
- Documentation Artwork final verification
- Design transfer - ensuring ongoing compliance through commercial manufacturing
- Periodic review - maintaining compliance throughout product life cycle

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