

## **Barcode Requirements Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Q: Is this announcement and requirement, to include product barcode, limited to devices for layperson only? Or is it for ALL devices?

A: It is currently required for devices that are intended to be used by Lay Person and Home Use devices only

Q: What levels of packaging does this apply to? Only the unit of sale, or also to the shippers and units of use?

A: It is applicable for the unit of sale as minimum.

Q: What type of barcode format does Saudi FDA require? On our devices there are multiple barcodes and each contains different information.

A: SFDA barcode preferences are in the following order:

1. If the device comes with UDI Compliant Barcode:

The applicant should enter the information for Static (Fixed) part only; which is known as DI= Device Identifier, as shown in the following example:



**Fixed Device Identifier  
(Human Readable Format)**

2. If the device is not tagged with a UDI Compliant Barcode:

The applicant should use the EAN-13/UPC barcode (if available)



**Fixed Device Identifier  
(Human Readable Format)**

3. If the device is not tagged with any of the above 2 Barcode types,

Any other type of Barcode is acceptable

Q: Does SFDA require specific barcode format? Are both Linear OR 2D DataMatrix barcode acceptable?

A: Yes, both are acceptable.

Q: Is there any specific barcode size requirements?

A: No.

Q: How can we provide barcode information for Software only medical devices? Usually there is no barcode on the product labeling

A: If the software is intended to be used by layperson or home use device and no barcode available for this type of products. The applicant can provide a justification for exemption.

Q: Can some products be exempt from the bar code requirements because of their small container / box size or their container material (e.g. foil/ polythene wrap?)

A: All devices for layperson and home use shall be provided with barcodes. If it is not technically possible, the applicant should provide a clear justification for exemption to SFDA for review and give the final decision.

Q: What about the current applications for the Medical Devices which under process now? Is adding Barcode artwork required for it?

A:

- If the first SFDA review after payment was conducted on 7-June-2015 or later the applicant will be required to submit barcode information through the application.
- If the first SFDA review after payment was conducted before 7-June-2015, it is optional to the manufacturer to submit barcode information through the application (Recommended) or to submit the barcode after the application is issued through the new barcode module.

Q: Does this announcement effect immediately?

A: Yes, this announcement is effecting immediately.

Q: All our Medical Devices obtained the MDMA license, how update barcode will be in this case? Shall we do it through update authorization?

A: No, no need to use update authorization option. The applicant can submit barcode for products included in an issued authorization through the new Product Barcode module and for free.

Please follow the below steps to use the new Product Barcode module:

## Step 1

The screenshot displays the MDMA system dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following tabs: Dashboard, Applications, Establishments, Products, Reports, Support, Administration, and Messaging. Below the navigation bar, there are three summary cards: 'Current Applications' with the value 350, 'Current Certificates' with the value 224, and 'Certificates Due to Expire' with the value 96. Below these cards, there is a hotline number: [mdma.it@sfd.a.gov.sa](mailto:mdma.it@sfd.a.gov.sa) - Please call with any MDMA related queries. At the bottom, there is a 'My Work Queue' section with a 'Products BarCode' button highlighted by a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the button, there is a table header with the following columns: Application #, Submission Date, Applicant, Manufacturer, Paid, Products, and Approved Products.

## Step 2

Current Applications

350

Current Certificates

224

Certificates Due to Expire

96

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**My Work Queue** Products BarCode

Application #	Submission Date	Applicant	Manufacturer	Paid	Products	Approved Products	
				Yes	4	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	17	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	4	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	10	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	4	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	2	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	17	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	1	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	2	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>
				Yes	2	0	<a href="#">Show Products</a>

First Previous 1 Next Last



# Step 3

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a navigation bar at the top containing the following tabs: Dashboard, Applications, Establishments, Products, Reports, Support, Administration, and Messaging. Below the navigation bar is a modal window titled "Application Devices" with a close button (x) in the top right corner. The modal contains a table with the following columns: Product Brief Description, Product Trade / Brand Name, Model Name/Number, Status, Application Details, and Bar Code Information. The Bar Code Information column is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from the top right. The table has two rows of data, both with a status of "Not Opened". The Application Details column contains links for "Open Application" for each row. The Bar Code Information column contains links for "Edit Bar code Data" for each row. At the bottom of the modal, there are navigation buttons: First, Previous, a text input field containing "1", Next, and Last.

Product Brief Description	Product Trade / Brand Name	Model Name/Number	Status	Application Details	Bar Code Information
			Not Opened	<a href="#">Open Application</a>	<a href="#">Edit Bar code Data</a>
			Not Opened	<a href="#">Open Application</a>	<a href="#">Edit Bar code Data</a>

Navigation: First Previous  Next Last

## Step 4

### Application Devices ✕

#### Product Brief Description

#### Barcode Info ✕

**2.1.3 Product Trade / Brand Name**  
[As it appears on the label]  
[This field will appear on the MDMA printout]

**2.1.1 Product Brief Description**  
[This field will appear on the MDMA printout]

**2.1.10 Provide the label(s) affixed to the device or its wrappers when it is supplied to the KSA.**

**2.1.13 Product Barcode Number (Human Readable Part) that will appear on labeling**

**2.1.14 Indicate if the home use device is designed to be used by Lay Person? If yes, please fill sections (2.1.15 & 2.1.16). If NO, next fields are optional \***

Yes  No

**2.1.15 If yes, please provide Device Name in Arabic**

**2.1.16 If yes, please provide Device Description in Arabic**

Max: 3000

#### BarCode Information

[Edit Barcode Data](#)

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