

Member BillerudKorsnas introduces SBA Symbols project as part of a presentation to Medical Seminar audience

Radka Peterson, Regulatory Affairs Manager at long standing SBA Member, BillerudKorsnäs, recently presented to an audience of medical device manufacturers at the Medical seminar organized by Safe Secure together with BillerudKorsnäs in Shenzhen in South of China engaging 120 participants.

During the successful event Radka informed the enthusiastic audience about two main topics; 'Design and development of packaging systems' as well as 'Recent updates on the Medical standard ISO 11607'.

As part of her presentation on the updates on ISO 11607, Radka shared with the audience the Symbols project recently completed by the SBA. The aim of the Symbols project was to support the development and implementation of the new EU Medical Device Regulation (MDR). This new regulation (which will replace the existing Medical Device Directive (MDD)) requires identification of the sterile barrier system in addition to the declaration that the device is in a sterile condition.

Mrs Peterson commented;

'The symbols project was very useful in helping to show how different materials can be used and represented in a clear and concise manner when designing Sterile Barrier Systems. Part of my role at our company is to ensure that our customers fully understand that our medical papers provide excellent barrier properties as well as outstanding seal and peel performance. However many hours of good work can be wasted if the end user, the Healthcare Professional, is unfamiliar with the materials and does not understand their proper use. We believe that the new Symbols developed by the SBA will help to reduce the future risk of that happening'.

For further information on the Symbols being included into ISO 15223-1 please see the recently released Guidance Document – EN ISO 15223-1 new symbols for SBS, on the SBA website.

About the SBA

The Sterile Barrier Association (SBA) is the European trade association for companies who produce Sterile Barrier Systems (SBS) and associated equipment and accessories for the healthcare industry. Its mission is to be the recognised expert association in the healthcare industry, promoting the use of and providing education on the most suitable single use sterile barrier systems to ensure patient safety.

Most of the SBA members manufacture in Europe, many are global companies. All members are registered to ISO 9000 or another recognised higher level quality management system and many incorporate elements of GMP in their protocols. The majority are certified to EMAS or ISO 14001 as an environmental management system.

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