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Requirement

Medical Device Regulations (UKCA Compliance)
Small steam sterilizers performance
Sterilization validation & monitoring
Construction & safety features
Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) compliance
Waste disposal & infection control

Reference

UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/618)
BS EN 13060:2014+A1:2018
ISO 17665-1:2006, BS EN ISO 14937:2009
BS 3970-4:2021
HTM 01-01 Part C (Steam Sterilization)
HTM 07-01

FINAL NOTES

If you operate a CQC-registered healthcare setting, your sterilization process should align with CQC's fundamental standards (including Regulation 15: Premises and Equipment).

In dental practices, autoclaves should also comply with FGDP and HTM 01-05 standards.

TABLETOP AUTOCLAVE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

(For healthcare, dental, and aesthetics settings in the UK)

1. Regulatory Compliance

- ☒ UKCA or CE Marking (for devices used in Northern Ireland)
☐ Verify that the autoclave has UKCA marking (formerly CE marking) as per the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/618).
- ☒ Compliance with BS EN 13060 (Small Steam Sterilizers)
☐ Ensure the autoclave meets BS EN 13060:2014+A1:2018 standards for Type B, S, or N sterilizers.
- ☒ CQC Compliance (if applicable)
☐ If operating in a CQC-registered setting, ensure compliance with Regulation 15 (Premises and Equipment) and infection prevention guidance.
- ☒ HTM 01-01 Part C Compliance (NHS & regulated environments)
☐ Follow the sterilization guidelines in Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 01-01: Part C for decontamination and sterilization.
- ☒ Infection Control Compliance
☐ Ensure compliance with Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Code of Practice on Infection Prevention & Control).
- ☒ Waste Management Compliance (HTM 07-01)
☐ Follow HTM 07-01: Safe Management of Healthcare Waste for disposal of sterilized waste materials.

2. Installation & Validation

- ☒ Initial Validation & Performance Qualification (PQ)
☐ Ensure the autoclave undergoes installation qualification (IQ), operational qualification (OQ), and performance qualification (PQ) as per ISO 17665-1:2006.
- ☒ Sterilization Cycle Validation
☐ Confirm that sterilization cycles effectively kill biological indicators (BI) tests at 121°C or 134°C).

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3. Routine Maintenance & Testing

☒ Daily Checks

☐ Check water levels and ensure filters are clean.

☒ Weekly Testing

☐ Conduct a biological indicator (spore test) to validate sterilization efficacy.

☐ Run an automatic control test cycle quartley

☒ Monthly & Periodic Checks

☒ Check and replace door seals if necessary.

☒ Annual Service & Calibration

☐ Schedule a professional service and calibration to verify pressure, temperature, and sterilization efficacy.

4. Record-Keeping & Documentation

☒ Sterilization Logbook

☐ Maintain a record of each sterilization cycle.

☒ Validation & Maintenance Records

☐ Keep annual inspection and maintenance certificates for regulatory inspections.

☒ Incident & Non-Conformance Reporting

☐ Log any sterilization failures or deviations and take corrective actions.

☒ Operator Training Records

☐ Document staff training and competency assessments for autoclave operation and infection control.

5. Safe Use & Staff Training

☒ Operator Training

☐ Ensure all staff using the autoclave are trained on:

Proper loading and unloading procedures.

Recognizing and responding to cycle failures.

PPE requirements (gloves, heat protection if needed).

☒ Emergency Procedures

☐ Have procedures in place for power failures, pressure malfunctions, and failed sterilization cycles.

☒ Risk Assessments

☐ Conduct risk assessments for autoclave use, considering steam burns, pressure hazards, and biohazard waste handling.

FINAL COMPLIANCE CHECK ☒

☒ If ALL boxes are ticked, your tabletop autoclave is compliant with UK regulatory and safety standards.