

Medical Devices Safety Notice

The National Health Regulatory Authority would like to alert all governmental and private healthcare facilities, local agents and distributors that the below medical device:

Device Details	
Device Name	Medical Devices Containing Mercury
Device Model	All
Reason of Recall	<p>NHRA initiates this FSN due to the risks associated with use of the medical devices containing mercury on patients and users. The toxic mercury leaked from these devices affects the nerves and brain functions, including memory loss, tremor and stress and can lead to death.</p> <p>Therefore in cooperation with the Supreme Council of the Environment and based on “Basel” Agreement For the transboundary movement of hazardous waste which was signed by the Kingdom of Bahrain in 1992, and states in article 4 to reduce the production of hazardous wastes including products or medical devices containing mercury and its compounds. The National Health Regulatory Authority would like to notify all importers and medical devices companies that the importation of Medical devices containing Mercury is prohibited.</p> <p>Including but not limited to: Sphygmomanometer, fever thermometer, dental amalgam, Esophageal dilators, Gastrointestinal tubes ...etc</p>
Action should be taken	<p>It is strictly prohibited to import, sell and use Medical devices containing Mercury in order to protect public health. All healthcare facilities must dispose of all medical devices containing mercury before the end of March 2020.</p> <p>It is very important to report to NHRA at medical_device@nhra.bh in case of finding any medical devices containing mercury in any healthcare facility to take the necessary action.</p>

Your cooperation is highly appreciated in improving health services in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

For more information please contact Medical_Devices@nhra.bh