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Urgent Field Safety Notice

Various Clear-Therm™ Mini HMEF

For Attention of*: MDSO's, All clinical staff, Managers and Users of the above products, including those who may use these devices remotely.

Contact details of local representative (name, e-mail, telephone, address etc.)*

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This could be a distributor or local branch of the manufacturer. To be added at the appropriate stage in the different local languages



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Risk addressed by FSN

	1. Information on Affected Devices*			
1.	1. Device Type(s)*			
	Various Clear-Therm™ Mini HMEF			
1.	Commercial name(s)			
	 Clear-Therm™ Mini HMEF with luer port Clear-Therm™ Mini paediatric HMEF with luer port and SuperSet™ catheter mount Clear-Therm™ Mini HMEF with luer port and elbow Scented, Strawberry, anaesthetic face mask, size 1, infant, 15M elbow and HMEF Scented, Strawberry, anaesthetic face mask, size 2, paediatric, 22F elbow and HMEF Economy, anaesthetic face mask, size 2, paediatric, 22F elbow and HMEF 15mm Compact™ breathing system with 1 L bag, luer elbow, HMEF, and limb, ≥ 3.0m 			
1.	3. Unique Device Identifier(s) (UDI-DI)			
	 1128001 - 5030267145409 1129001 - 5030267145249 1513001 - 5030267125470 1831000 - 5030267055159 1831011 - 5030267055166 1831197 - 5030267055197 2165002 - 5030267138661 			
	Primary clinical purpose of device(s)*			
	Clear-Therm Mini HMEF is intended for reducing the risk of bacterial and viral contamination of patients, medical devices and equipment, whilst also reducing moisture and heat loss from the patient's respiratory gases within anaesthesia, critical and respiratory care breathing systems.			
1.	5. Device Model/Catalogue/part number(s)*			
	• 1128001			
	• 1129001			
	• 1513001			
	• 1831000			
	• 1831011			
	18311972165002			
	2100002			
1.	6. Software version			
	N/A			



1. 7. Affected serial or lot number range:

1128001: 32317472, 32322481, 32510270.

1129001: 32320129, 32323340, 32419204, 32504886, 32510715.

1513001: 32321802, 32421512.

1831000: 32291126, 32291130, 32291139, 32310682, 32310945, 32310978, 32311275, 32313360, 32313487, 32313769, 32317296, 32317717, 32319201, 32319465, 32319998, 32320554, 32321327, 32321330, 32321698, 32322273, 32323746, 32324614, 32390226, 32390300, 32390307, 32391058, 32402792, 32405756, 32406802, 32412583, 32413321, 32413950, 32414436, 32415119, 32415685, 32417104, 32418358, 32419265, 32421306, 32422521, 32422709, 32423219, 32424642, 32425924, 32426677, 32427421, 32428103, 32502751, 32503642, 32504655, 32505952, 32506067, 32506824, 32507453, 32509078, 32510241, 32510587, 32511196.

1831011: 32319813, 32320890, 32324972, 32414374, 32422538, 32424819, 32425723, 32491060, 32503268, 32503903, 32507923, 32508560, 32510734.

1831197: 32320639, 32322207, 32323578, 32324900, 32400266, 32400440, 32413019, 32414189, 32417583, 32421768, 32422536, 32422729, 32425109, 32426712, 32504025, 32507797, 32508585, 32510108.

2165002: 1241868, 1231307, 1230815.

1. 8. Associated devices

N/A.

2. Reason for Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA)*

2. 1. Description of the product problem*

The two housings of some HMEF devices have been found to separate when a force is applied during handling of these products or movement and torsion due to repositioning of the patient. See separation of the housings shown below.



2. | 2. Hazard giving rise to the FSCA*



	The reported separation of the HMEF would cause gross leakage from the device, which in turn would result in leakage of gas from the breathing system. This could have the effect of the patient not receiving the prescribed mixture of anaesthetic gas and/or the prescribed ventilation, reducing the FiO_2 of inspired gases and resulting in the patient becoming hypoxic.			
2.	2. 3. Probability of problem arising			
	Our investigation and inspection of potentially affected stock has estimated the probability of failurate to be unlikely, which equals to 0.01% to 0.001% (1 in 10 000 to 1 in 100 000 products).			
2.	. 4. Predicted risk to patient/users			
	The risks associated with the identified fault have been reviewed, and whilst the probability of occurrence is low, we believe it is essential to address the issue promptly to further reduce the risk of any potential patient harm or inconvenience to users.			
2.	5. Further information to help characterise the problem			
	N/A			
2.	Background on Issue			
	Following customer reports from the market and subsequent investigation including inspection of potentially affected stock and statistical analysis, we have determined that some products have been manufactured with inadequate ultrasonic weld of the two housings.			
2.	7. Other information relevant to FSCA			
	N/A			
	3. Type of Action to mitigate the risk*			
3.	1. Action To Be Taken by the User*			
	☑ Identify Device ☑ Quarantine Device ☐ Return Device ☐ Destroy Device			
	☐ On-site device modification/inspection			
	☐ Follow patient management recommendations			
	☐ Take note of amendment/reinforcement of Instructions For Use (IFU)			
	☑ Other ☐ None			
	Please distribute this Field Safety Notice to all potential users of the Clear-Therm™ Mini HMEF listed above, within your facility. This is for their awareness of the potential problem and to carry out the following actions.			
	Please note: This is not a product removal due to the current limited availability and to allow continuity of supply of the Clear-Therm™ Mini HMEF devices.			



To ensure the safety of patients we recommend the following actions are taken in addition to those detailed in the IFU provided with the device.

- 1. Identify any potentially affected products from the affected codes and lot numbers listed above.
- 2. Immediately before use unpack the device and carry out the check as described below.
- 3. All users must check the HMEF housing is securely welded by holding both connection tapers at each end and apply a downward breaking force by flexing the tapers in the direction shown by the arrows below.





4. Retain any affected sample(s) identified, and please report to us immediately.

Please complete and return the Reply Form provided to giedriusb@intersurgical.lt, to confirm receipt of this notice and that the necessary actions are being taken.

Please continue to report to Intersurgical any adverse events involving this product. 1128001: 32317472, 32322481, 32510270.

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3.		By when should the action be completed?	should be ongoing until all pot FSN has been used up.	FSN, and awareness of this FSN entially affected stock listed in this		
3.	3.	Particular considerations f	or: N/A			
		Is follow-up of patients or review of patients' previous results recommended?				
		Not applicable.				
3.		. Is customer Reply Required? * f yes, form attached specifying deadline for return) Yes				
3.	5.	Action Being Taken by t	he Manufacturer			
		☐ Product Removal	☐ On-site device modification	n/inspection		
		☐ Software upgrade	☐ IFU or labelling change	•		
		Other	□ None			
		Corrective actions have been implemented in the manufacturing process in April 2025 to eliminate this problem for all current and future supply.				
3	6.	By when should the action be completed?	2 months from receipt of the FSN			
3.	7.	Is the FSN required to be /lay user?	communicated to the patient	No		
3	8.	8. If yes, has manufacturer provided additional information suitable for the patient/lay user in a				
	patient/lay or non-professional user information letter/sheet? N/A					
		4. General Information*				
4.	1.	FSN Type*	New – Advisory N	lotice		



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4.	For updated FSN, reference number and date of previous	N/A	
4.	FSN 3. For Updated FSN, key new information as follows:		
4.	N/A		
	14/7		
4.	4. Further advice or information	No	
	already expected in follow-up		
	FSN? *		
5. If follow-up FSN expected, what is the further advice expected to relate to: N/A		the further advice expected to relate to:	
1	6. Anticipated timescale for follow-	N/A	
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4.			
	(For contact details of local representative refer to page 1 of this FSN)		
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	v. Address	RG41 2RZ	
	c. Website address	https://www.intersurgical.com/	
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	communication to customers. *		
4.	9. List of attachments/appendices:	Customer Reply Form	
4.	10. Name/Signature	Ivan Seniut, Group Quality and Regulatory Affairs	
	-	Director, Intersurgical	
		E-Signed by Ivan Seniut VERIFY authenticity with ApproveIt	

Transmission of this Field Safety Notice

This notice needs to be passed on all those who need to be aware within your organisation or to any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred. (As appropriate)

Please transfer this notice to other organisations on which this action has an impact. (As appropriate)

Please maintain awareness on this notice and resulting action for an appropriate period to ensure effectiveness of the corrective action.

Please report all device-related incidents to the manufacturer, distributor or local representative, and the national Competent Authority if appropriate, as this provides important feedback.

Note: Fields indicated by * are considered necessary for all FSNs. Others are optional.