

PRESS RELEASE

DITTA supports the publication of New Industry Standard on Refurbishment

Tokyo, Japan, 20 April 2016—DITTA*, The Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT & Radiation Therapy Trade Association welcomes the publication of the standard NEMA/MITA 1-2015 *Good Refurbishment Practices for Medical Imaging Equipment*. This standard builds on years of work by DITTA members, and lays out the quality management and process requirements for refurbishment of medical imaging equipment.

Such a standard provides the preferred way towards a standardized approach to refurbishment of medical imaging equipment, complementing regulatory obligations while using an additional potential to contribute to circular economy. This standard clarifies for regulators and users of imaging equipment what is the standard reference to ensure that such equipment will be as safe and effective as when new.

The DITTA Chair Satoshi Kimura says "This standard is built on best practices gained from industry experience for refurbishment performed over decades. It ensures that refurbishment results in equipment meeting the intended use, performance and safety specifications as defined by the original manufacturer, and will lead to improved patient access to advanced healthcare." DITTA Chair added: "DITTA chose to have this industry standard published by NEMA/MITA, as one of the recognized standards development organizations."

[NEMA MITA 1-2015](#) may be downloaded at no cost on the NEMA website.

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