



DITTA GRP WG for Vietnam, tcon on 6th February 2018, Minutes

Attendees:

Patricia Gehrlein/Siemens; Yes
Markus Braun/Siemen; Yes
Shoji Toyofuku/Siemens; Absent
Hanh Nguyen-Thi-Ngoc/Siemens Vietnam; Absent
Jeroen van Nistelrooij/Philips; Absent
Le Thi Van Thu/Philips; Yes
Michael Schmit/GE; Yes
Masami Tanaka/Canon; Yes
Atsushi Habara/Canon; Yes
Susumu Uchiyama/secretary for GRP WG, JIRA; Yes

Chaired:

Chaired by Patricia Gehrlein/Siemens

Agenda,

1. Welcome and approval of agenda
2. Declaration of compliance with Antitrust rules
3. Confirmation/Approval of the last tcon's minutes
4. Update on Stakeholder Situation in Vietnam
5. Collecting ideas of how to approach the stakeholders, including timing
6. Exchange on possible DITTA activities during the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May

Discussion:

1. Welcome and approval of agenda
The draft agenda was approved.
2. Declaration of compliance with Antitrust rules
DITTA's Antitrust rules was distributed prior to the tcon.
3. Confirmation/Approval of the last tcon's minutes
The draft last tcon's minutes was approved.





4. Update on Stakeholder Situation in Vietnam

Patricia provided below information.

- The colleagues in Vietnam had informed that there are four ministries we might need to target.
- They are Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Planning and Investment, and Ministry of Finance.
- Also we might need to add the Prime minister office, especially deputy Prime minister as he is responsible on Health and Healthcare. They are also sign decree relevant to the decree.
- However now, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry and Trade, they are now re-organizing.
- The vice minister of Ministry of Health is retiring.
- Educating new staff, with regard to GRP, may be necessary.
- As it is not a right moment to approach, we have to wait probably a month until the re-organization complete.
- We need discussion how we should approach to the relevant stakeholders in the ministries.

<Q&A>

- Which one of them are familiar/favor or not favor of Refurbishment? (Mike)

A1: Ministry of Health, they are knowledgeable about the refurbishment. We don't know the intact due to the change of the vice minister. They are not completely against the refurbishment.

A2; Ministry of Industry and Trade, responsible import and export control, they put used medical devices on the import ban list. They are not yet educated and not supportive.

A3; Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Financing, we need to investigate further in what way they play a role in whole or in specific. (Patricia)

Tanaka provided below information.

- There was a statement from Ministry of Health, once an import license is given to a medical device, based on the license, the import custom under control of Ministry of Finance will clear the custom. So it is necessary to talk to Ministry of Health. A contact information of the deputy chief of Registration Department in Ministry of Health.

Thu (Philips) provided below information.

- Ministry of Health has a plan to revise the Decree 36 Management of medical devices. And the first draft is expected in March, 2018. This may be a good opportunity to provide our request.
- Patricia will double check with Vietnam colleague.





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5. Collecting ideas of how to approach the stakeholders, including timing

- The revision of the Decree 36 may be a good opportunity for bringing the idea of Refurbished medical devices.
- Patricia is thinking of “Conducting a cross Ministerial workshop”, with relevant Ministries, one level higher Prime Minister office and deputy prime minister responsible on Healthcare.
- For that, we may need to convince to Ministry of Health we are willing to organize such workshop.
- Thu (Philips) commented that she would support the idea.
- We need to communicate with individual Ministries as well.
- More information is necessary to proceed.
- We will be able to start with writing a letter, from DITTA to vice Minister, with dual languages, Vietnamese and English.
- The cross Ministerial workshop should be organized DITTA.
- There was a question, who should sign the letter?

Markus replied that it should be sent and signed by one of a regional industry association.

Susumu replied that the letter should be reviewed by DITTA SC and the signer should be confirmed by SC.

- We should start drafting the letter from DITTA and hopefully send out in April.
- If there is any concerns from Vietnam, it will be communicated to Susumu.

6. Exchange on possible DITTA activities during the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May
Patricia provided below information.

- WHA is planned in May in Geneva.
- DITTA is recognized as a NGO.
- We should be able to have a side table discussion with a stakeholder.
- Patricia will attend and seek any chance to talk with
- DITTA capacity for organize a breakfast meeting
- Is Mary coming? Mike will check.
- Patricia will communicate asking about the agenda.
- Markus, Susumu agreed Patricia to attend the WHA.

7. Next tcon,

Topics; Letter to Vietnam proposing a workshop, WHA. Date; March 7

