

As also explained further in EOSA's March 17 letter, it is in the national security interests of the United States to issue the requested exemption because if some facilities choose to cease operations rather than attempt compliance (which is likely), that will disrupt the supply of sterilized medical devices, raise the cost of those devices, and/or force medical suppliers or providers to source sterilized medical devices from abroad.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if any additional information is needed. [International Sterilization Laboratory] appreciates EPA's attention to this important matter and urges EPA to recommend that the President issue the requested exemption as quickly as possible.

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