



Food and Drug Administration
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APR 23 1999

Ms. Anna M. Ramza
Quality Assurance Manager
Broadline Medical Industries, Inc.
1432 Shire Circle
Inverness, Illinois 60067

Re: K990584
Trade Name: Broadline Gauze Sponges
Broadline X-ray Detectable Gauze Sponges
Regulatory Class: Unclassified and II
Product Code: EFQ and GDY
Dated: February 19, 1999
Received: February 23, 1999

Dear Ms. Ramza:

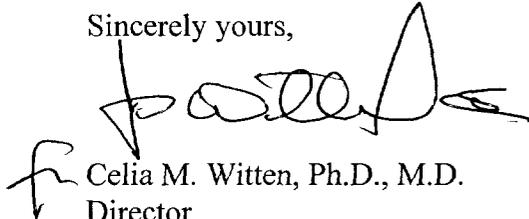
We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the devices referenced above and we have determined the devices are substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the devices, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your devices are classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Pre-market Approval), they may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your devices can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your devices in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your devices as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your devices to legally marketed predicate devices results in a classification for your devices and thus, permits your devices to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your devices on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4595. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your devices, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Celia M. Witten', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.
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Division of General and
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Office of Device Evaluation
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Enclosure

