

**ADVICE & GUIDELINES ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**  
**FOR DISPENSING OPTICIANS**

**APPENDIX F [3] - MEDICAL DEVICES DIRECTIVE**

The Medical Devices Directive (MDD) (93/42/EEC) covers a wide range of products. The Medical Devices Regulations (SI 1994 No. 3017), which implemented this Directive, came into force in the UK on 1 January 1995. From 14 June 1998 all devices placed on the market under the Regulations, with the exception of devices intended for clinical investigation and custom-made devices, must carry the CE mark. However, as regards ophthalmic devices, registration must occur in the following groups:

1. lamps in ophthalmic examination
2. fundus cameras, keratometers/slit lamp microscopes
3. low vision aids
4. ophthalmoscopes/retinoscopes
5. spectacle lenses
6. spectacle frames
7. ready-made non-prescribed spectacles
8. sight testing devices

Further information is obtainable from The Medical Devices Agency,  
Department of Health, Hannibal House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6TQ  
Tel: 020 7972 8090/8300 (24 hours) Fax: 020 7972 8112.  
Website address: [www.medical-devices.gov.uk](http://www.medical-devices.gov.uk)

## **APPENDIX G - USEFUL WEBSITES**

**Association of British Dispensing Opticians**

[www.abdo.org.uk](http://www.abdo.org.uk)

**Association of Optometrists**

[www.assoc-optometrists.org](http://www.assoc-optometrists.org)

**British Medical Association**

[www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)

**British Standards Institute**

[www.bsi-global.com](http://www.bsi-global.com)

**CET Optics**

[www.cetoptics.com](http://www.cetoptics.com)

**Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence**

[www.chre.org.uk](http://www.chre.org.uk)

**College of Optometrists**

[www.college-optometrists.org](http://www.college-optometrists.org)

**Data Protection Agency**

[www.dataprotection.gov.uk](http://www.dataprotection.gov.uk)

**Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians**

[www.fodo.com](http://www.fodo.com)

**Federation of Manufacturing Opticians**

[www.fmo.co.uk](http://www.fmo.co.uk)

**Freedom of Information Act**

[www.foi.gov.uk](http://www.foi.gov.uk)

**General Medical Council**

[www.gmc-uk.org](http://www.gmc-uk.org)

**General Optical Council**

[www.optical.org](http://www.optical.org)

**Guidance for the re-use of contact lenses and ophthalmic devices**

[http://www.college-optometrists.org/objects\\_store/cjd.pdf](http://www.college-optometrists.org/objects_store/cjd.pdf)

**Health and Safety Executive**

[www.hse.gov.org](http://www.hse.gov.org)

**Medical Devices Agency**

[www.medical-devices.gov.uk](http://www.medical-devices.gov.uk)

**Optical Consumer Complaints Service**

[www.opticalcomplaints.co.uk](http://www.opticalcomplaints.co.uk)

**Royal College of Ophthalmologists**

[www.rcophth.ac.uk](http://www.rcophth.ac.uk)

**Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain**

[www.rpsgb.org.uk](http://www.rpsgb.org.uk)

**Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers**

[www.spectaclemakers.com](http://www.spectaclemakers.com)

**Smoke free legislation**

[www.smokefreeengland.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk)

[www.northernireland.gov.uk](http://www.northernireland.gov.uk)

[www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

[www.swansea.gov.uk/smoking](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/smoking)