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# **Korea's Digital Medical Products Regulation Improvement Policies**

## **- Digital Medical Product Act -**

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Ministry of Food and  
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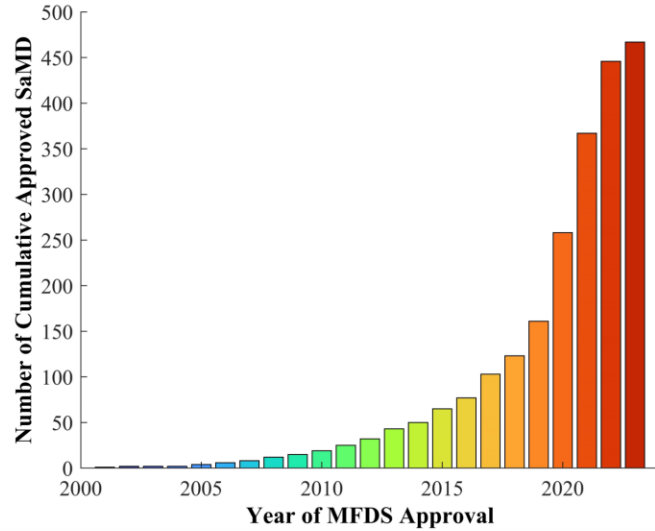
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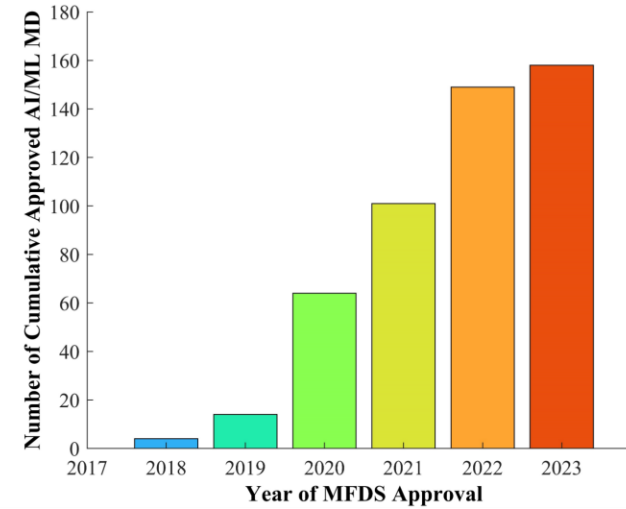
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# Background

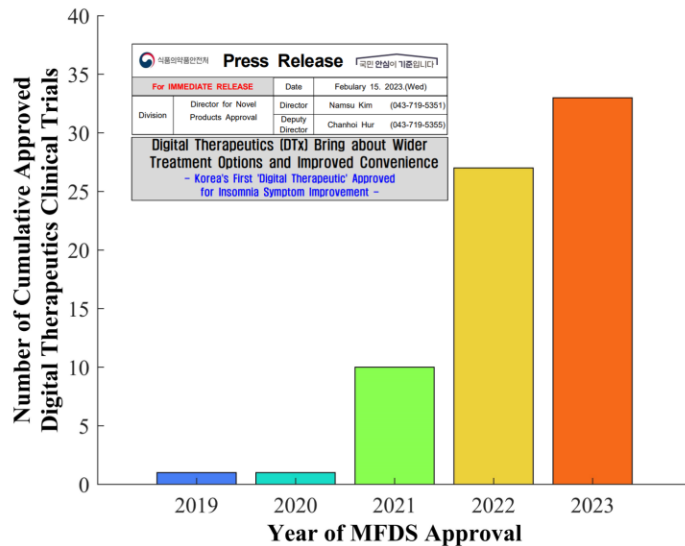
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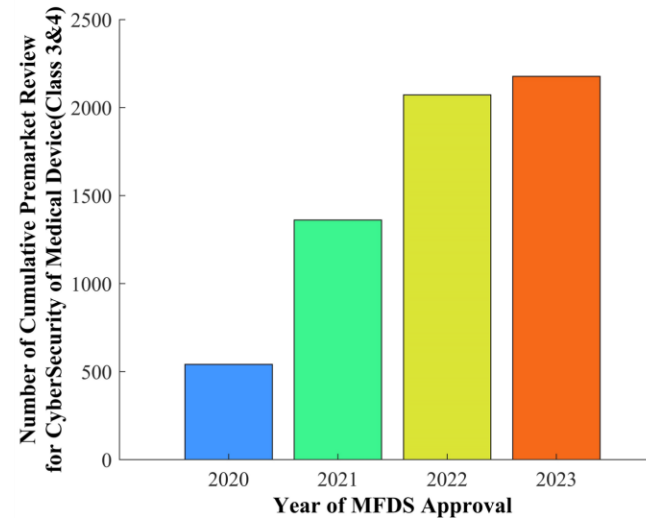
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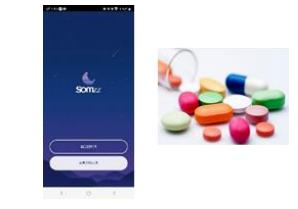
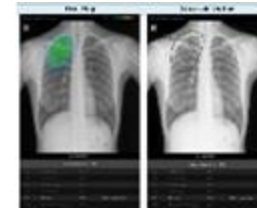


# Objective

- Digital Medical Products Regulatory Framework in Place for the Digital Health Era

# Definition

- **Digital Medical Device**  
MD with Advanced Digital Tech or these with Supporting Products
- **Medicines with Digital Tech.**  
Pharmaceuticals with Digital MD or Supporting Products
- **Digital Health Supporting Product**  
Support Medical Care / Improve Health  
(Can be converged with MD / Pharmaceuticals)



# Regulation - Digital Medical Devices

- **Clinical Trials**

- Simplifying approval process for **low-risk clinical trials**
- Facilitating **decentralized clinical trials**
- Activating the use of **pseudonymous(anonymous) data**

- **Approval(pre-market certification)**

- **Fast & Temporary** classification (New products)
- Establishing new classification criteria **suitable for SaMD**
- Certifying an Excellent SW Company → **Incentive(SaMD/SiMD)**

# Regulation - Digital Medical Devices

- **Approval(pre-market certification)**
  - **Simplifying change** procedures(SW)
  - Expanding the (change) approvals based on **Real-World Evidence**
- **Management**
  - Improvement of **SW sales** regulations
  - Allowing QM tasks to be **entrusted to specialized companies**
  - **SW-specific QMS / National Cyber Security Guideline**
  - **Professional Digital MD(including ETC)(Labeling/Advertising)**

# Regulation – Medicines with Digital Tech.

- **Clinical Trials**

- Activating clinical trials using **digital MD/** supporting Products
- **Separation** of clinical trial procedures (Medicines / combined MD)

- **Approval(pre-market certification)**

- **Incorporative Review System** (Medicines + digital MD)
- **Prevention of Redundancy** review (with Approved-digital MD)
- Review System for “Medicines with **Supporting Products**”

- **Management**

- **Integrating** Quality Management System



# Regulation – Digital Health Supporting Devices

- **Performance**

- Preparation and provision of **performance standards**

- **Certification**

- **Certification, if desired**, at the company's discretion  
⇒ Marked as a “Certified Performance” on the label
- **Certification** procedure for supporting products combined with digital MD or Medicines with digital tech.

- **Management**

- **Voluntary** recall/exchange of defective products  
**Consumer notification** (manufacturer)

# Evaluation & ETC

- **Evaluation**

- MFDS **evaluates** the health and medical **values of digital-MP**

- ⇒ Request to the Ministry of Health and Welfare

- i) **Expedited decisions** for health insurance coverage

- ii) **Preferential treatment** for health insurance coverage

- **ETC**

- **Preliminary** review (including supporting products)

- **Digital acceptability improvement** for all consumers

- **Copyright protection (SW), and the like**

**THANK YOU**  
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