

SCOPE & TERMS OF REFERENCE

WORK GROUP: Medical Gas

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1. Purpose & Objectives

- (a) To promote the awareness and continuous improvement of general safety, health and environmental matters within the medical gases industry as well as to users of medical gases.
- (b) To provide up-to-date and practical information to support national associations in their collaborations with local authorities in the development of legislation, regulations and standards pertaining to the manufacture, distribution, control and use of medical gases.
- (c) To assist AIGA in achieving its objectives by providing expert opinion on subjects related to medical gases.
- (d) To promote global harmonization of technical and safety-related standards and practices within the medical gases industry.

2. Scope of Activity

To study and review requirements in the following areas:

- Products
- Packages
- Cylinder/Packages Maintenance
- Key Management Controls
- Best practices

3. Composition of Group

Consists of experts nominated from member companies

4. Expected Achievements

- To recommend the adoption/adaptation of existing standards for use in the Asian environment
- To promote a high standard and good practices for the medical gas industry in Asia

5. Frequency of Meetings & Expected Lifetime

Minimum four times a year (including tele-conference)

The Work Group is a permanent one

6. Information Flow & Publications

- Minutes will be kept and circulated to members, with copies to TC and to other linked work groups. The AIGA office will monitor progress and upload progress updates on the website for information of the national association members.
- Members are expected to be in touch with developments at the country levels in Asia with respect to new regulations and initiatives and to update the Work Group.

7. Links with other Work Groups

- SAG for matters related to safety
- Packaged Gases WG for cylinder and other connections

8. Relations with External Organizations

- EIGA
- CGA
- JIMGA
- International Harmonisation Council for Harmonization of standards

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