**To the International Accreditation Forum**

**RE: Support for Database of Accredited Certification**

The Dental Trade Alliance has 200 members (157 manufacturers, 26 distributors. 6 laboratories, 11 associate members) formed in 2003 when ADTA and DMA joined together to create one dental trade association.

DTA represents industry companies from North America (US, Canada and Mexico). Many of our members have ISO 13485 Quality Management System certifications for meeting international regulations. Our members also rely significantly on Quality Management System certificates, including thousands more, within the supply chain. Needless to say, the credibility of certificates our member rely on are part of a global chain of certification that support healthcare and medical device trade in general.

The Dental Trade Alliance encourages the IAF to complete development and maintain the database of accredited certificates. The Dental Trade Alliance especially wishes for accredited ISO 13485 certificates to be among the first to be allowed into the database, as ISO indicates there are now 26,255 accredited certificates which support that standard. Medical device regulators in Asia, Middle East, Latin America, Europe and North America and Africa are looking for valid ISO 13485 certificates. Our members, like the rest of the world's suppliers of medical devices, who carry these certificates; they all need this database for regulators to know which certificates they can trust. The ability to quickly assess which certificates were issued under the international norms of accreditation; this will certainly expedite access to medical devices worldwide and give medical device regulators the evidence they need support their mandates to protect the public health.

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