

**MDSAP Transmittal Number:** AO 2022-09  
[Superseding MDSAP Transmittal Number AO 2022-02]

**Transmittal Date:** 2022/06/29

**Title:** Further Extension of Temporary Extraordinary Measures related to MDSAP audits during covid-19 quarantine orders and travel restrictions – alternative audit arrangements

**Purpose:** Despite the ongoing improvement of the sanitary situation surrounding the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, there remains areas still affected by quarantine orders and travel restrictions affecting the ability of MDSAP AOs to perform on-site audits. In order to ensure ongoing oversight in the affected areas, this transmittal further extends the extraordinary measures detailed in transmittal AO-2020-10 for a further three months until 2022/09/30.

The MDSAP Regulatory Authorities (RAs) are of the opinion that these measures are no longer necessary in the majority of cases, and intend this to be the last extension of these measures barring any significant resurgence of the pandemic or the significant re-imposition of control measures. RAs will continue to evaluate the need for long-term use of remote audits outside the COVID-19 pandemic based on stakeholder feedback.

AOs are reminded that the use of these measures is strictly limited to situations where on-site audits cannot be conducted due to travel restrictions, quarantine orders, or social/physical distancing requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Use of these measures for any other purpose is not permitted.

AOs are encouraged to contact their assigned APM to discuss any situation not addressed by these temporary extraordinary measures.

**Approver:** Frederic HAMELIN

**Effective Date:** 2022/07/01

**Distribution:** AOs

**Action Requested:** Apply interim measures as necessary

**Location of Documents:** Box (restricted access)

**Issued by:** MDSAP APMs