



Philips Respironics recall notification/field safety notice* announced on June 14, 2021

Frequently Asked Questions – as of February 19, 2025

General

What is the component quality issue in certain of Philips Respironics sleep and respiratory care products?

In 2021, Philips Respironics determined from user reports and initial testing that there were possible risks to users related to the polyester-based polyurethane (PE-PUR) sound abatement foam used in specific CPAP, BiPAP and ventilator devices. Following the issuance of the recall notification/field safety notice* in June 2021, Philips Respironics initiated a global program to remediate the affected devices.

Additionally, together with five independent, certified testing laboratories and qualified third-party experts, Philips Respironics has been conducting a comprehensive test and research program on the PE- PUR foam to better assess and scope potential patient health risks related to possible emission of particulates from degraded foam and volatile organic compounds. Philips Respironics provided test result [updates](#) on December 23, 2021, June 28, 2022, December 21, 2022, May 16, 2023, and July 24, 2023. Based on the comprehensive testing and analysis that has been conducted, Philips Respironics concluded that use of its sleep therapy devices is not expected to result in appreciable harm to health in patients.

In October 2023, following ongoing communications with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Philips Respironics confirmed that it has agreed with the FDA's recommendations to implement additional testing to supplement current test data. The FDA stated that the testing to date is extensive and conducted with independent parties and expressed no concerns with the validity or objectivity of the testing. Additional testing on the CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices is ongoing in consultation with the FDA.

Which sleep and respiratory care products are affected by the recall notification/field safety notice*?

The affected CPAP, BiPAP sleep therapy and ventilator devices can be found at www.philips.com/src-update. The CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices represent the vast majority of the registered affected devices globally.

What material is used for sound abatement in the DreamStation 2 and other replacement devices?

The repaired and new replacement sleep therapy devices all contain silicone sound abatement foam. Silicone is a widely applied rubber-like material that is used in many applications of daily life, such as bakeware for cupcakes, and also in medical applications, including sleep therapy devices. This includes sleep therapy devices manufactured by other companies.

Where can I find more information on the recall notification/field safety notice*?

More information on the recall notification/field safety notice* can be found at www.philips.com/src-update.





Can you comment on the Medical Device Reports that Philips Respironics has filed for this recall notification/field safety notice*?

As part of its post market surveillance activities, Philips Respironics received and continues to receive device associated complaints that have subsequently been filed by Philips Respironics as [Medical Device Reports](#) (MDRs) with the FDA.

Philips Respironics investigates all received complaints and allegations of malfunction, serious injury or death. As noted by the FDA, the submission of an MDR itself is not evidence that the device caused or contributed to the adverse outcome or event. In addition, in many cases the cause of an event cannot be determined from this reporting system alone.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the complaint volume pattern observed for the recall notification/field safety notice* is not typical but rather directly correlated to the increased awareness resulting from the recall notification/field safety notice* and is predominantly observed in the US.

Following Philips' public statements on the issue and possible risks to users in April 2021, and the announcement of the recall notification/field safety notice* in June 2021, Philips Respironics received a steep increase in complaints allegedly associated with possible foam degradation. At the time the recall notification/field safety notice* was issued, Philips Respironics relied on an initial, limited data set and toxicological risk assessment, and assumed a reasonable worst-case scenario for the possible health risks.

The vast majority (~75%) of the approximately 190,251 MDRs filed since April 2021 up to and including December 2024 are alleged malfunctions that do not involve reported serious injury or death.



Test and research program

Why has Philips Respironics been conducting a test and research program?

At the time the recall notification/field safety notice* was issued, Philips Respironics relied on an initial, limited data set and toxicological risk assessment, and assumed a worst-case scenario for the possible health risks out of an abundance of caution. Together with five independent certified testing laboratories and qualified third-party experts, Philips Respironics has been conducting a comprehensive test and research program on the PE- PUR foam to better assess and scope potential patient health risks related to the possible emission of particulates from degraded foam and volatile organic compounds.

Based on the comprehensive testing and analysis that has been conducted, Philips Respironics concluded that use of its sleep therapy devices is not expected to result in appreciable harm to health in patients.

In October 2023, following ongoing communications with the FDA, Philips Respironics confirmed it has agreed with the FDA's recommendations to implement additional testing to supplement current test data. The FDA stated that the testing to date is extensive and conducted with independent parties and expressed no concerns with the validity or objectivity of the testing. After consultation with FDA and discussions about FDA's feedback, the additional testing requested by FDA for the CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices has proceeded and the data available to date have been shared with the Agency. An update will be provided in due course. We have confidence in the test results to date and believe these data further support our position.

When can we expect the next update on testing results, including Trilogy 100/200 and other ventilator devices?

Together with five independent, certified testing laboratories and other qualified third-party experts, Philips Respironics has conducted and continues to conduct testing on certain CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices (95% of the registered devices under the June 21 Respironics recall notification/field safety notice) and ventilators (5% of the registered devices). Based on the [results](#) to date, Philips Respironics concluded that use of its CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices is not expected to result in appreciable harm to health in patients. Independent of Philips Respironics, [13 epidemiological studies](#) found no association between use of PAP devices, including Philips Respironics PAP devices, and increased risk of cancer in patients with obstructive sleep apnea. Supplemental testing on the CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices has proceeded in consultation with the FDA and the data available to date have been shared with the Agency. An update will be provided in due course. We have confidence in the test results to date and believe these data further support our position. Testing and analyses on the ventilators is ongoing. Furthermore, an assessment is underway to determine the relevance of the supplemental CPAP and BiPAP sleep therapy devices testing in relation to the ongoing ventilator analysis.

Where has Philips Respironics published the testing results and conclusions to date?

The update on the PE-PUR testing results and conclusions available to date can be found [here](#).



Remediation program

When do you expect to complete the remediation of ventilator devices?

The remediation of affected ventilators remains ongoing in coordination with the relevant competent authorities.



Consent Decree

Why did the FDA and DOJ seek a consent decree from Philips Respironics?

Following Philips Respironics' voluntary recall of certain CPAP, BiPAP and mechanical ventilator devices in June 2021, the FDA's inspection of Philips Respironics' Murrysville facility in the second half of 2021, and the FDA's issuance of a Form 483 with inspectional observations, the FDA and US Department of Justice (DOJ) began discussions with Philips in July 2022 regarding the terms of a proposed consent decree. In the first half of 2024, Philips Respironics reached an agreement on the terms of a consent decree with the DOJ, acting on behalf of the FDA, to resolve the identified issues in relation to the Respironics recall. The consent decree primarily focuses on Philips Respironics' business operations in the US. The decree provides Philips Respironics with a roadmap of defined actions, milestones and deliverables to demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements and to restore the business.

What are the main terms of the consent decree?

The main terms include:

- Philips Respironics' business operations must demonstrate continued compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements for medical devices, as incorporated in FDA's Quality System Regulation
- Philips Respironics will retain independent quality system experts to supervise the compliance improvement program
- Philips Respironics will retain independent design and quality system experts to review various aspects of the recall remediation.
- In the US, Philips Respironics will continue to service sleep and respiratory care devices already with healthcare providers and patients, and to provide accessories (including patient interfaces), consumables and replacement parts; will resume sales of new CPAP or BiPAP sleep therapy devices or other respiratory care devices only when the relevant requirements are met.
- Agreed to disgorgement payments from sales of Medically Necessary Devices. Sales of Patient Interfaces (masks) and other consumables and accessories in the US are allowed under a separate exemption, which does not have a disgorgement requirement.
- Outside the US, Philips Respironics will continue to provide new sleep and respiratory care devices, accessories (including patient interfaces), consumables (including patient circuits), replacement parts (including repair kits) and services, subject to certain requirements. It is common for consent decrees (including this one) to include requirements (e.g. controls and documentation) for exports to prevent reimportation of medical devices into the US.

Can you summarize what are the key relevant requirements to lift the sales injunction and the profit disgorgement obligation?

Sales injunction and disgorgement payments to occur until Covered Respironics Facilities are in compliance with the relevant requirements and the rework, replacement, and refund activities are completed in accordance with the Recall Remediation Plan.

The key relevant requirements are:

- Methods and controls to manufacture, hold and distribute sleep and respiratory care devices are compliant with the relevant requirements.
- Retain a quality system expert to inspect the Covered Respironics Facilities: processes and methods, 483 observations, MDR governance, C&R reporting, design, CAPAs, etc.
- Provide the FDA a certification from retained expert that Covered Respironics Facilities are complying.





What is the financial impact of the consent decree?

In 2024, charges related to Philips Respironics consent decree amounted to EUR 113 million.

Are Patient Interfaces (Masks) subject to profit disgorgement obligation for sales in the US?

Sales of masks and other consumables and accessories in the US are allowed under a separate exemption specific to those items, which does not have a disgorgement requirement.

DOJ investigation

What is the April 2022 subpoena from the US Department of Justice about?

Philips Respironics and certain of Philips' subsidiaries in the US received a subpoena from the DOJ to provide information related to events leading to the Phillips Respironics recall. The relevant subsidiaries are cooperating with the agency.



Resolution of economic loss, personal injury and medical monitoring litigation in the US

What is the latest update on the multidistrict litigation (MDL) in the US?

In April 2024, Philips and plaintiffs' leadership, through a Court-appointed mediator, reached an agreement to resolve US personal injury claims and the medical monitoring class action to end the uncertainty associated with litigation in the US. Philips and Philips Respironics do not admit any fault or liability, or that any injuries were caused by Respironics' devices.

The settlement addresses the claims filed in the US courts and potential claims submitted to the census registry. Under the settlement, Philips Respironics has agreed to pay a capped amount of USD 1.1 billion (EUR 982 million), for which a provision was recorded in Q1 2024. Most of the related payments are expected in 2025 and to be funded from Philips' cash flow generation.

On December 5, 2024, the Court granted final approval of the medical monitoring class action settlement. The personal injury settlement does not require court approval, as it is a private agreement.

In addition, Philips Respironics obtained the final court approval for the previously announced economic loss settlement in the US on April 25, 2024, for which a provision was recognized in Q1 2023. The settlement does not include or constitute any admission of liability, wrongdoing, or fault by any of the Philips parties.

How many patients and which injuries are eligible for the personal injury settlement?

Philips and plaintiffs' leadership, through a Court-appointed mediator, reached an agreement to resolve the personal injury litigation in the US addressing the individuals who filed a claim or who entered the census registry.

Plaintiffs' leadership and the Settlement Administrator are responsible for allocation of the amount to claimants they deem eligible. Philips is not endorsing any particular injury or injury value.

Philips and Philips Respironics do not admit fault, liability or that any injuries were caused by the devices.

Is the settlement amount for the personal injury litigation and medical monitoring class action of USD 1.1 billion subject to change depending on number of participants?

No, the total amount of USD 1.1 billion Philips Respironics has agreed to pay is capped regardless of number of participants.

Does the settlement conclude the MDL?

Plaintiffs' leadership will not be pursuing any further claims in the MDL, and the census registry has already been terminated.

For any individuals who still wish to continue to pursue litigation, they will first need to comply with a case management order (also known as a Lone Pine Order), which requires them to come forward with prima facie injury, exposure and causation evidence, or else face dismissal of their claims.

What happens if new claims surface in the future?

Philips and Plaintiffs' leadership are confident that the vast majority of potential claimants have already identified themselves, given the recall was initiated almost four years ago, followed by extensive advertising, and the MDL was formed more than three years ago. The census registry was also active beginning in September 2022, and volumes were stable prior to its termination.



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To the extent any new claims surface, those individuals:

- Will also be subject to the Lone Pine order
- Will not have access to completed expert reports and will have to prepare their own experts reports
- May already be time barred



Other litigation and investigations related to the Respironics recall

Can you provide an update on the US securities class action?

In August 2021, a securities class action was filed against the company in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York alleging disclosure deficiencies in relation to the Respironics Recall. The company moved to dismiss the case, which the court granted in part, dismissing certain individuals from the case, dismissing certain claims, and narrowing the remaining claims. The company will vigorously contest the remaining claims, which it continues to believe are wholly unsupported, and intends to seek their dismissal as the case proceeds.

Can you share additional information about the SEC investigation? What are the allegations? Have you taken a provision? What are / when can we expect next steps?

Following earlier requests for information from the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), in March 2024, the company received a subpoena from the SEC relating to the Respironics recall and compliance with relevant securities laws. The investigation is not an indication that the SEC or its staff have determined that any violations of law have occurred. The company is fully cooperating with the investigation.

** Voluntary recall notification in the US/field safety notice for the rest of the world.*

