Safety Notification No. 05 / 2011



Consignee: Hospitals/clinics, medical practices: end users and technical services

Product: Syringe pump A600S

Subject: Configuration settings, address 43 (Syringe clamp diameter outside control)

Date: October 2011

Sender: CODAN ARGUS AG Enclosure:

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Dear valued customer,

Please forward the following information to all responsible staff within your organisation!

Description of the problem

Thanks to a report from a Swiss hospital, it was possible to detect an unwanted and adverse alignment between the device and configuration:

- a) The configuration address 43 is switched off (No.43 = OFF; Syringe clamp diameter outside control).
- b) The driving head of the syringe pump is damaged.
- c) The syringe piston was incorrectly fixed or not fixed at all to the grey clamps on the driving head unit.

Outcome:

When all three events (a-c) occur at the same time, the device can be started without the medication being pumped and without triggering an alarm.

Solution:

In order to prevent this problem from occurring and to ensure that the corresponding alarm is triggered, the address 43 must be activated (No. 43 = ON).

Action

As part of our measures for continuous optimisation, we request that you implement the following instructions in the market:

- a) The setting of address 43 (Syringe clamp diameter outside control) must be checked on all devices from the A600 S generation and should, if necessary, be activated as intended by the default setting (No. 43 = ON).
- b) The alteration to the pump should be carried out by the technical service via the configuration menu.
- c) This does not affect syringe pumps from the new A606 S generation.

The users of these syringe pumps should be informed of the risks and precautions described above and should receive additional training if necessary.

For further information please contact us at: +41 (0)41 785 09 44 or info@codanargus.com

We thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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Safety instructions for correctly starting up the syringe pump A600 S:



As a basic principle, chapter 3.3 (Pump Set-up, points d) and e)) of the A600 S user manual applies.

It is particularly important to note that the driving head unit must be moved as far as the syringe piston, and that the grey clamps lock into place by releasing the lever.

Check:

The end of the syringe piston must be positioned flush with the driving head unit (see red arrows)!