In the case of government hospitals, the purchase of medical equipment is centralized at the Biomedical Engineering Department, which buys equipment through the open tendering system.

The government encourages foreign companies to establish sub-contracting and regional service operations as a prelude to assembly and manufacture of specialized products locally.

Market Access

Medical device imports are free of any duties in Singapore. There is no testing or evaluation of imported medical equipment, but the Biomedical Engineering Department of the Ministry of Health tests medical equipment to be used in government health facilities.

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