Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Saudi Food & Drug Authority

Barcode Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

(٢-August-٢٠١٥)

Q: Is this announcement and requirement, to include product barcode, limited to devices for layperson only? Or is it for all devices?

A: It is currently required for devices that are intended to be used by Lay Person and Home Use devices only

Q: What levels of packaging does this apply to? Only the unit of sale, or also to the shippers and units of use?

A: It is applicable for the unit of sale as minimum.

Q: What type of barcode format does Saudi FDA require? On our devices, there are multiple barcodes and each contains different information.

A: SFDA barcode preferences are in the following order:

١. If the device comes with UDI Compliant Barcode:

The applicant should enter the information for Static (Fixed) part only; which is known as DI= Device Identifier, as shown in the following example:

Fixed Device Identifier
(Human Readable Format)

٢. If the device is not tagged with a UDI Compliant Barcode:

The applicant should use the EAN-١٣/UPC barcode (if available)

٣. If the device is not tagged with any of the above ٢ Barcode types,

Any other type of Barcode is acceptable

Q: Does SFDA require specific barcode format? Are both Linear OR ٢D DataMatrix barcode acceptable?

A: Yes, both are acceptable.

Q: Is there any specific barcode size requirements?
A: No.

Q: How can we provide barcode information for Software only medical devices? Usually there is no barcode on the product labeling

A: If the software is intended to be used by layperson or home use device and no barcode available for this type of products. The applicant can provide a justification for exemption.

Q: Can some products be exempt from the bar code requirements because of their small container / box size or their container material (e.g. foil/ polythene wrap?)

A: All devices for layperson and home use shall be provided with barcodes. If it is not technically possible, the applicant should provide a clear justification for exemption to SFDA for review and give the final decision.

Q: What about the current applications for the Medical Devices which under process now? Is adding Barcode artwork required for it?

A:

- If the first SFDA review after payment was conducted on ٧-June-٢٠١٥ or later the applicant will be required to submit barcode information through the application.
- If the first SFDA review after payment was conducted before ٧-June-٢٠١٥, it is optional to the manufacturer to submit barcode information through the application (Recommended) or to submit the barcode after the application is issued through the new barcode module.

Q: Does this announcement effect immediately?

A: Yes, this announcement is effecting immediately.

Q: All our Medical Devices obtained the MDMA license, how update barcode will be in this case? Shall we do it through update authorization?

A: No, no need to use update authorization option. The applicant can submit barcode for products included in an issued authorization through the new Product Barcode module and for free.

Please follow the below steps to use the new Product Barcode module:

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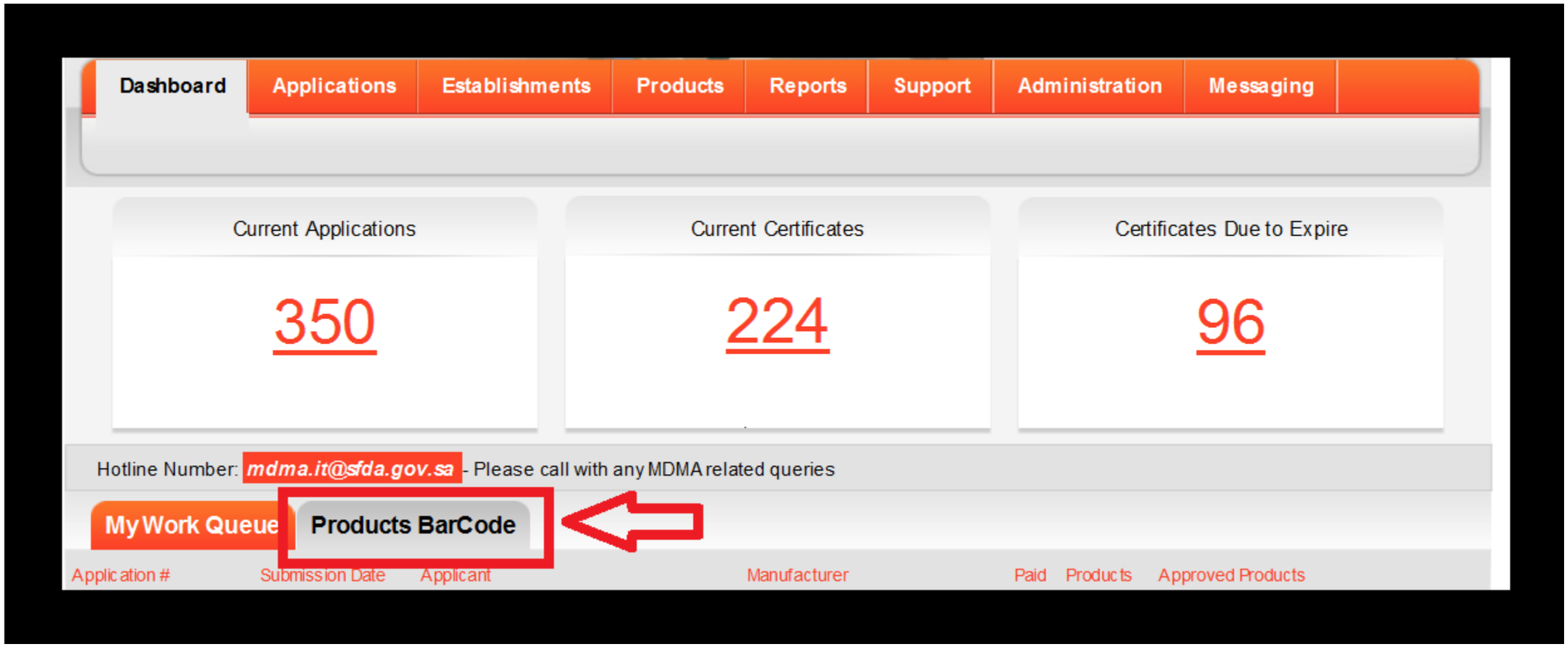

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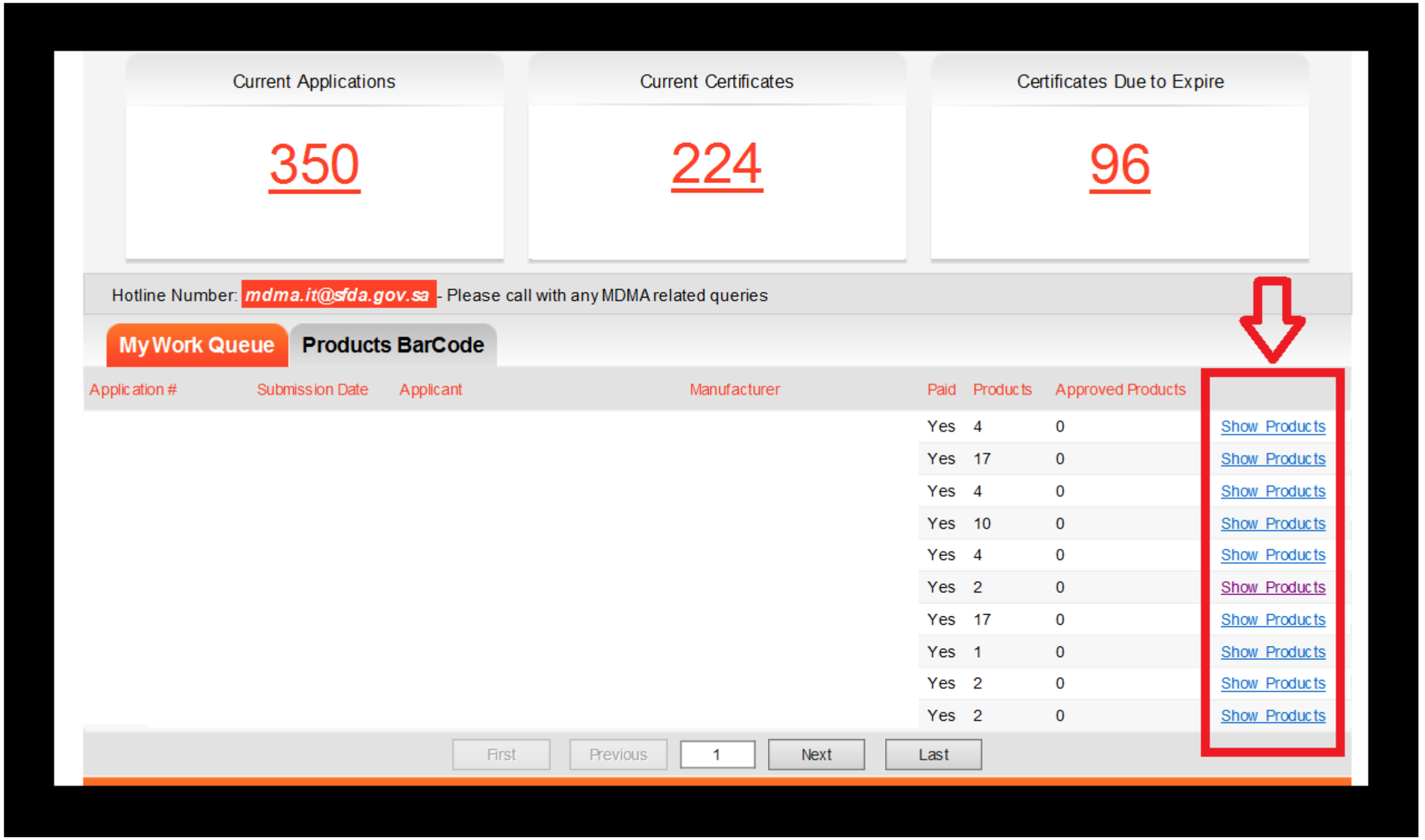
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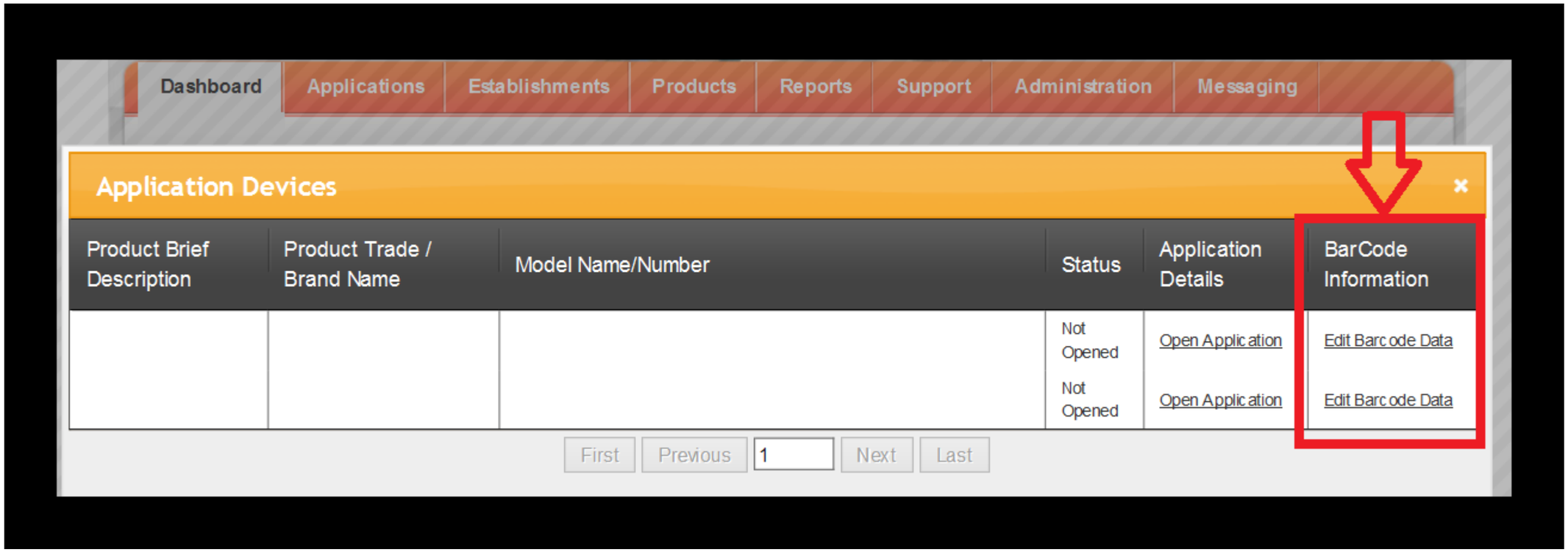
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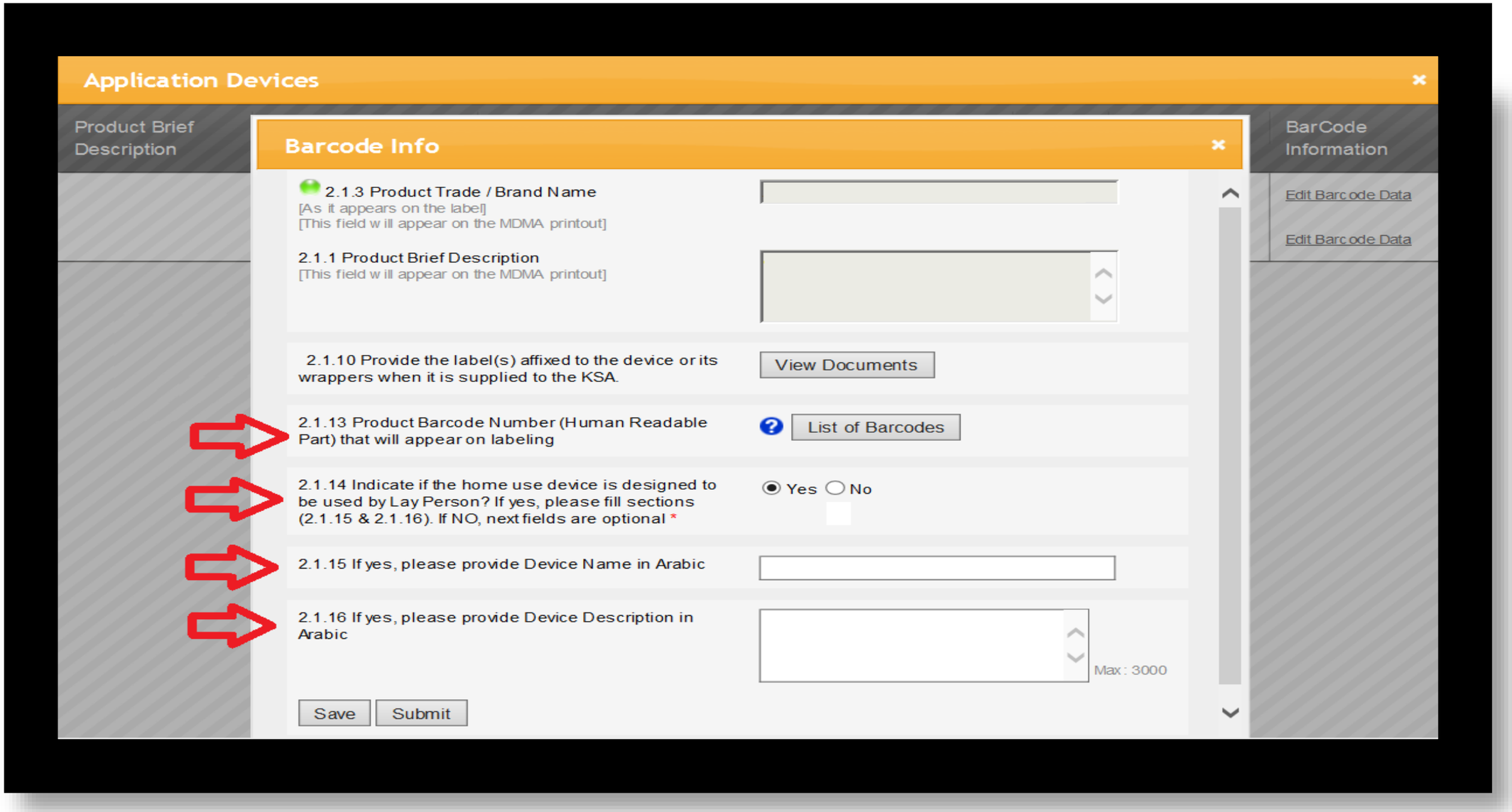
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