

Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the  
Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices

*Article 19*

**Confidentiality**

Without prejudice to national law and practice on medical secrecy, Member States shall ensure that all the parties involved in the application of this Directive are bound to observe confidentiality with regard to information obtained in carrying out their tasks. This does not affect the obligations of Member States and notified bodies with regard to mutual information and the dissemination of warnings, nor the obligations of the persons concerned to provide information under criminal law.