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**ACTION REQUIRED**

Increase in Collection of ACD-A Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma and New ISBT Component Codes  
Customer Letter # 2017-48

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2017-12-28

Dear Customer:

Effective February 26, 2018, pending Health Canada approval, Canadian Blood Services is taking steps to improve the supply of AB plasma. The change will see the introduction of apheresis plasma collected in multiples of up to three concurrent components from one donation. A similar product is currently produced in limited quantities and only as a single component. This letter is advance notice of these changes to allow customers time to adapt information systems to be able to accept these new components. Confirmation of the effective date will be sent to your facility via Customer Letter once this change has received final approval.

These components will be collected using the same anticoagulant ACD-A (acid citrate dextrose – Solution A) as the current component ACD FFPA (Fresh Frozen Plasma, Apheresis), however new component codes are being created to allow for traceability of the multiple components from one donation.

Your laboratory information system will require updating to add these new component codes. Please do not remove the current component code for ACD FFPA, as this product may be distributed to your facility for up to 1 year after implementation of the new codes as existing inventory is consumed. Refer to **Attachment 1** for the list of new ACD-A AFFP component codes and descriptions. Please ensure your system is updated and ready to receive plasma components with the new codes prior to February 26, 2018. If there is any delay in the effective date it will be communicated to your facility via Customer Letter.

Once this update has taken place, you may receive a unit of ACD FFPA which was collected prior to implementation of the new processes, or multiple ACD-A AFFP units with the same donation number and the indication of Container 1, Container 2 or Container 3 on the label. Each of these containers has a unique component code to allow proper traceability. Refer to **Attachment 2** for sample labels.

Similar to the current ACD FFPA component the new ACD-A AFFP units will be available in small aliquots (approximately 250ml) and are collected in a fully closed system, and will therefore have a 120 hour (five day) outdate period once thawed when stored at 1°-6 °C. More information regarding the attributes of these plasma components can be found in the [Circular of Information for the Use of Human Blood Components, Plasma Components](#).

There are no changes to our AFFP components collected with anticoagulant sodium citrate, 500 ml size, at this time.

This customer letter can also be viewed at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) in the “Hospitals” section. If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,



Rick Prinzen  
Chief Supply Chain Officer



**ATTACHMENT 1/ PIÈCE JOINTE N° 1**

**Component Codes/Codes-produit:**

<b>LIS ACTION REQUIRED</b> <i>MESURE À PRENDRE</i>	<b>ISBT 128 COMPONENT CODE</b> <i>CODE ISBT 128</i>	<b>MNEMONIC TEXT (PACKING SLIP)</b> <i>AIDE-MÉMOIRE (BORDEREAU DE LIVRAISON)</i>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> <i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b> <i>INFORMATION ADDITIONNELLE</i>
ADD – NEW/ <i>AJOUTER – NOUVEAU</i>	E4689V00	ACD-A AFFP – 1	APHERESIS/APHÉRÈSE FRESH FROZEN PLASMA PLASMA FRAIS CONGELÉ  CONTAINER/CONTENANT 1  Volume: nnn mL Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C	Approximate Volume = 250 mL Post thaw storage time = 120 hours  <i>Volume approximatif = 250 mL Temps d'entreposage après décongélation = 120 heures</i>
ADD – NEW/ <i>AJOUTER – NOUVEAU</i>	E4693V00	ACD-A AFFP – 2	APHERESIS/APHÉRÈSE FRESH FROZEN PLASMA PLASMA FRAIS CONGELÉ  CONTAINER/CONTENANT 2  Volume: nnn mL Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C	
ADD – NEW/ <i>AJOUTER – NOUVEAU</i>	E4697V00	ACD-A AFFP – 3	APHERESIS/APHÉRÈSE FRESH FROZEN PLASMA PLASMA FRAIS CONGELÉ  CONTAINER/CONTENANT 3  Volume: nnn mL Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C	




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none – current/ <i>aucune – actuel</i>	E0869V00	ACD FFPA	APHERESIS/APHÉRESE FRESH FROZEN PLASMA PLASMA FRAIS CONGELÉ  Volume: nnn mL Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C	CBS will discontinue collecting components using this code with implementation of the new process, however, components with this component code may be distributed up to 1 year after implementation, as current stock is exhausted.  Approximate Volume = 250 mL Post thaw storage time = 120 hours  <i>La collecte des produits associés à ce code cessera avec la mise en place du nouveau processus. Toutefois, en fonction de nos réserves, il est possible que vous continuiez à recevoir ces composants jusqu'à un an après l'arrêt de leur collecte.</i>  <i>Volume approximatif = 250 mL Temps d'entreposage après décongélation = 120 heures</i>
none – current/ <i>aucune – actuel</i>	E0909V00	FFPA	APHERESIS/APHÉRESE FRESH FROZEN PLASMA PLASMA FRAIS CONGELÉ  Volume: nnn mL Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C	No change to this product.  Approximate Volume = 500 mL Post thaw storage time = 24 hours  <i>Aucun changement Volume approximatif = 500 mL Temps d'entreposage après décongélation = 24 heures</i>

**ATTACHMENT 2/ PIÈCE JOINTE N° 2**

**ACD-A AAFP Label Samples/Exemples d'étiquettes pour le plasma-aphérèse frais congelé ACD-A:**

Indication of Container #/  
Indication du contenant

Indication of ACD-A  
anticoagulant volume/  
Indication de  
l'anticoagulant ACD-A



Canadian Blood Services/Société canadienne du sang  
Ottawa, ON K1G 4J5  
Establishment Licence/Licence d'établissement: 100390  
Volunteer donor. This product may transmit infectious agents.  
See Circular of Information for indications, contraindications,  
cautions and methods of infusion. Donneur bénévole. Ce  
produit peut transmettre des agents infectieux. Voir la  
Circulaire d'information pour les indications, les contre-  
indications, les mises en garde et les méthodes de perfusion.

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APHERESIS/APHÉRÈSE  
**FRESH FROZEN PLASMA**  
**PLASMA FRAIS CONGÈLE**

CONTAINER/CONTENANT 1

Volume: 252 mL  
Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C

ACD-A 26 mL



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**PLASMA FRAIS CONGÈLE**

CONTAINER/CONTENANT 3

Volume: 252 mL  
Store at/Conserver à < or/ou = -18°C

ACD-A 26 mL