

## **Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services**

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Component storage specifications are given in Chapter 7.

Where components are pooled or undergo procedures that influence the shelf life, the maximum shelf life of the component must not exceed the expiry date of the oldest constituent component or the expiry date of the new component produced by the procedure, whichever is the shorter.

For all other components the date of collection will be assigned Day 0 of the shelf life. Day 1 of storage will commence at one minute past midnight on the day after collection.