

Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services

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This chapter defines the requirements of the UK Blood Transfusion Services for the layout and information content of the blood pack base label affixed to the blood pack by the pack manufacturer.

This specification applies to the base labels provided on all blood component packs either within a blood pack or apheresis assembly or 'stand-alone' (in this context, a blood component is a component as described in Chapter 7). In addition to these labelling requirements, all blood packs must satisfy the validation criteria of Chapter 8.

The base label must be able to accommodate the donation identification number, blood group and blood component overstick labels defined in Chapter 23.

References to linear dimensions in this document are in millimetres.