

Human blood and blood components: quality and safety for the collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution

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The Commission is in favour of the eight amendments to the Common Position voted by the European Parliament. These amendments aim to: - introduce a definition of 'inspection'; - require haemovigilance data be maintained for at least 30 years (the Commission finds this acceptable even though onerous. A less onerous but also effective alternative could be to limit the application of the 30-year time period only to traceability data (a major component of haemovigilance data); - require Member States to report on voluntary unpaid donations to the Commission every three years; - require that blood-donation testing is conducted in line with procedures reflecting best practices as defined, reviewed and updated in consultation with experts; - provide for meetings of the Commission with delegations of experts; - provide that voluntary unpaid donations ensure a high level of health protection; - oblige an examination of donors; - present a definition of 'haemovigilance'.