

Explanatory Statement

Blood Donation (Transmittable Diseases) Blood Donor Form 2008 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2008–198

Approved form AF2008–96

made under the

Blood Donation (Transmittable Diseases) Act 1985, s 10(3) Approved Forms

The Disallowable Instrument and Approved Form have been prepared in accordance with section 10 (3) of the *Blood Donation (Transmittable Diseases) Act 1985*, and revokes Disallowable Instrument D12006-66 and Approved Form AF2006-15 notified on the ACT Legislation Register dated 13 April 2006.

Section 5 (a) of the *Blood Donation (Transmittable Diseases) Act 1985* specifies that:

For the purposes of sections 3 and 4, the prescribed requirements in relation to the taking of blood from a donor, are –

that, before taking blood from the donor, the Society obtains from the donor a declaration in accordance with a form approved by the Minister and notified and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The changes made to the Donor Declaration Form by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service are intended to further improve the safety of the blood and blood components collected in Australia, by implementing recommendations from the 12th edition of the Council of Europe Guidelines.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service will implement, nationally, the use of the revised Donor Declaration Form on 21 September 2008.