

Explanatory Statement

Blood Donation (Transmittable Diseases) Blood Donor Form 2016 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2016–1

Approved form AF2016–2

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 DI2014-56 and Approved Form AF2014-22 notified on the ACT Legislation Register dated 2 May 2012.

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 -

- a) that, before taking blood from the donor, the society gets from the donor a written declaration.

This declaration is in accordance with the form approved by the Minister and has been 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.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service will implement, nationally, the use of the revised Donor Declaration Form on 13 March 2016.