

Explanatory Statement

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

Disallowable instrument DI2016–194

Approved form AF2016–56

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 DI2016-1 and Approved Form AF2016-2 notified on the ACT Legislation Register dated 6 January 2016.

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 ensure that the questions are appropriate for the safety of donors and recipients and that donors are not excluded unnecessarily and that unnecessary information and processes are eliminated.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service will implement, nationally, the use of the revised Donor Declaration Form on 11 September 2016.