

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BLOOD DONATION (TRANSMITTABLE DISEASES) ACT 1985

NEW DONOR DECLARATION

INSTRUMENT NO. 36 OF 1999

(1) The Instrument of Approval has been prepared in accordance with section 5.(1) (a) of the *Blood Donation (Transmittable Diseases) Act 1985*.

(2) Section 5 (1)(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 obtains from the donor a declaration in accordance with a form approved by the Minister by instrument in writing published in the Gazette;”

(3) The ACT Branch of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service now has a nationally endorsed Donor Declaration, developed by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service Donor and Product Safety Committee.

(4) The ACT Australian Red Cross Blood Service will implement the use of the new Donor Declaration on 1 March 1999.

Dated this eleventh day of February 1999

MICHAEL MOORE MLA
Minister for Health and
Community Care