

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2004N-0101]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Requirements for Testing Human Blood Donors for Evidence of Infection Due to Communicable Disease Agents; and Requirements for Donor Notification

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to requirements for testing human blood donors for evidence of infection due to communicable disease agents and for donor notification.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by *[insert date 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register**]*.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Submit written comments to the

Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JonnaLynn P. Capezzuto, Office of Programs (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through

the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Requirements for Testing Human Blood Donors for Evidence of Infection Due to Communicable Disease Agents; and Requirements for Donor Notification (OMB Control Number 0910–0472)—Extension

Under sections 351 and 361 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act)(42 U.S.C. 262 and 264) and the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) that apply to drugs (21 U.S.C. 321 *et seq.*), FDA may issue and enforce regulations necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases between States or Possessions or from foreign countries into the States or Possessions. The public health objective in testing human blood donors for evidence of infection due to communicable disease agents and in donor notification is to prevent the transmission of communicable disease. Section 351 of the PHS Act, applies to biological products. Blood and blood components are considered drugs, as that term is defined in section 201(g)(1) of the act (21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)).

Section 610.40(c)(1)(ii) (§ 610.40(c)(1)(ii) requires each dedicated donation be labeled, as required under § 606.121 (21 CFR 606.121), and with a label entitled “INTENDED RECIPIENT INFORMATION LABEL” containing the name and identifying information of the recipient. (21 CFR 606.121 is approved under OMB control number 0910–0116.) Section 610.40(g)(2) requires an establishment to obtain written approval from FDA to ship human blood or blood components for further manufacturing use prior to completion of testing. Section 610.40(h)(2)(ii)(A) requires an establishment to obtain written approval from FDA to use or ship human blood or blood components found to be reactive by a screening test for evidence of a communicable disease agent(s) or collect from a donor with a record of a reactive screening test.

Sections 610.40(h)(2)(ii)(C) and (h)(2)(ii)(D) require an establishment to label reactive human blood and blood components with the appropriate screening test results, and, if they are intended for further manufacturing use into injectable products, with a statement indicating the exempted use specifically approved by FDA. Section 610.40(h)(2)(vi) requires each donation of human blood or blood component that tests reactive by a screening test for syphilis and is determined to be a biological false positive be labeled with both test results. Section 610.42(a) requires a warning statement, including the identity of the communicable disease agent, on medical devices containing human blood or blood components found to be reactive by a screening test for evidence of infection due to a communicable disease agent(s) or syphilis. Section 630.6(a) (21 CFR 630.6(a)) requires an establishment to make reasonable attempts to notify any donor who has been deferred as required by § 610.41, or who has been determined not to be eligible as a donor. Section 630.6(d)(1) requires establishment to provide certain information to the referring physician of an autologous donor who is deferred based on the results of tests as described in § 610.41.

Section 610.40(g)(1) requires an establishment to appropriately document a medical emergency for the release of human blood or blood components prior to completion of required testing. Section 606.160(b)(1)(ix) requires a facility to maintain records of notification of donors deferred or determined not to be eligible for donation, including appropriate followup. Section 606.160(b)(1)(xi) requires an establishment to maintain records of notification of the referring physician of a deferred autologous donor, including appropriate followup.

Respondents to this collection of information are Whole Blood and Source Plasma establishments that collect blood and blood components, including

Source Plasma and Source Leukocytes. Based on information from FDA's Center for Biologics and Evaluation Research database system, there are approximately 84 licensed Source Plasma collection establishments and 858 registered Whole Blood collection establishments for a total of 942 establishments. Based on information received from industry, we estimate that these establishments collect annually an estimated 30 million donations: 15 million donations of Source Plasma from approximately 2 million donors and 15 million donations of Whole Blood, including 600,000 autologous, from approximately 8 million donors.

Assuming each autologous donor makes an average of 2 donations, FDA estimates that there are approximately 300,000 autologous donors. FDA estimates that approximately 5 percent (12,000) of the 240,000 donations that are donated specifically for the use of an identified recipient would be tested under the dedicated donors testing provisions in § 610.40(c)(1)(ii).

Under § 610.40(g)(2) and (h)(2)(ii)(A), the only product currently shipped prior to completion of testing is a licensed product, Source Leukocytes, used in the manufacture of interferon, which requires rapid preparation from blood. Shipments of Source Leukocytes are preapproved under a biologics license application and each shipment does not have to be reported to the agency. Based on information from CBER's database system, FDA receives an estimated 1 application per year from manufacturers of Source Leukocytes.

Under § 610.40(h)(2)(ii)(C) and (h)(2)(ii)(D), FDA estimates that each manufacturer would ship an estimated 1 human blood or blood components per month (12 per year) that would require two labels; one as reactive for the appropriate screening test under paragraph (h)(2)(ii)(C), and the other stating the exempted use specifically approved by FDA under paragraph (h)(2)(ii)(D).

According to CBER's database system, there are an estimated 40 licensed manufacturers that ship known reactive human blood or blood components.

Based on information we received from industry, we estimate that approximately 18,000 donations annually test reactive by a screening test for syphilis, and are determined to be biological false positives by additional testing (§ 610.40(h)(2)(vi)).

Human blood or a blood component with a reactive screening test, as a component of a medical device, is an integral part of the medical device, e.g., a positive control for an in vitro diagnostic testing kit. It is usual and customary business practice for manufacturers to include on the container label a warning statement that identifies the communicable disease agent. In addition, on the rare occasion when a human blood or blood component with a reactive screening test is the only component available for a medical device that does not require a reactive component, then a statement of warning is required to be affixed to the medical device. To account for this rare occasion under § 610.42(a), we estimate that the warning statement would be necessary no more than once a year.

Industry estimates that approximately 13 percent of 10 million donors (1.3 million donors) who come to donate annually are determined not to be eligible for donation prior to collection because of failure to satisfy eligibility criteria. It is the usual and customary business practice of virtually all 942 collecting establishments to notify on site and to explain the reason why the donor is determined not to be suitable for donating. Based on such information as is available to FDA, we estimate that two-thirds of the 942 collecting establishments provided on site additional information and counseling to a donor determined not to be eligible for donation as usual and customary

business practice. Consequently, we estimate that only one-third or 311 collection establishments would need to provide, under § 630.6(a), additional information and counseling onsite to 433,333 (one-third of 1.3 millions) ineligible donors.

It is estimated that another 4.5 percent of 10 million donors (450,000 donors) are deferred annually based on test results. We estimate that currently 95 percent of the establishments that collect 98 percent of the blood and blood components notify donors who have reactive test results for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), human T-Lymphotropic virus (HTLV), and syphilis as usual and customary business practice. Consequently, 5 percent (47) of the industry (942) collecting 2 percent (9,000) of the deferred donors (450,000) would experience burden related to § 630.6(a). As part of usual and customary business practice, collecting establishments notify an autologous donor's referring physician of reactive test results obtained during the donation process required under § 630.6(d)(1). However, we estimate that 5 percent of the 858 blood collection establishments (43) do not notify the referring physicians of the estimated 2 percent of 300,000 autologous donors with reactive test results (6,000).

FDA has concluded that the use of untested or incompletely tested but appropriately documented human blood or blood components in rare medical emergencies should not be prohibited. We estimate the recordkeeping under § 610.40(g)(1) to be minimal with one or less occurrence per year. The reporting of test results to the consignee in § 610.40(g) does not create a new burden for respondents because it is the usual and customary business practice or procedure to finish the testing and provide the results to the manufacturer responsible for labeling the blood products.

Section 606.160(b)(1)(ix) requires that establishment to maintain records of the notification efforts. We estimate the total annual records based on the 1.3 million donors determined not to be eligible to donate and each of the 450,000 (1.3 + 450,000 = 1,750,000) donors deferred based on reactive test results for evidence of infection due to communicable disease agents. Under § 606.160(b)(1)(xi), only the 858 registered blood establishments collect autologous donations and, therefore, are required to notify referring physicians. We estimate that 4.5 percent of the 300,000 autologous donors (13,500) will be deferred under § 610.41 and thus result in the notification of their referring physicians.

The hours per response and hours per record are based on estimates received from industry or FDA experience with similar recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

FDA estimates the burden of this information collection as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN¹

21 CFR Section	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
610.40(c)(1)(ii)	942	13	12,000	.08	960
610.40(g)(2)	1	1	1	1	1
610.40(h)(2)(ii)(A)	1	1	1	1	1
610.40(h)(2)(ii)(C) and (h)(2)(ii)(D)	40	12	480	0.2	96
610.40(h)(2)(vi)	942	19	18,000	0.08	1,440
610.42(a)	1	1	1	1	1
630.6(a) ²	311	1,393	433,333	0.08	34,667
630.6(a) ³	47	191	9,000	1.5	13,500
630.6(d)(1)	43	140	6,000	1	6,000
Total					56,666

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

² Notification of donors determined not to be eligible for donation based on failure to satisfy eligibility criteria.

³ Notification of donors deferred based on reactive test results for evidence of infection due to communicable disease agents.

TABLE 2.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN¹

21 CFR Section	No. of Record-keepers	Annual Frequency per Recordkeeping	Total Annual Records	Hours per Records	Total Hours
610.40(g)(1)	858	1	858	.5	429
606.160(b)(1)(ix)	942	1,858	1,750,000	0.05	87,500
606.160(b)(1)(xi)	858	16	13,500	0.05	675

TABLE 2.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN¹—Continued

21 CFR Section	No. of Record-keepers	Annual Frequency per Recordkeeping	Total Annual Records	Hours per Records	Total Hours
Total					88,604

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

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