

TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18 & 19, 2001

TOPIC 1

**Suitability of Blood and Plasma Donors
Who Traveled or Lived in BSE Countries**

Charge

Please evaluate new information concerning vCJD in the UK and France and BSE in the UK, France and other European countries where the disease has infected or may have infected cattle. Address the risk that donors resident in various countries (including overseas US military personnel and dependents) might have been exposed to and infected with the BSE agent and consider implications for the safety of the blood supply.

In the context of a risk-benefit estimate, please consider effects that FDA blood-donor policies may have had on the blood supply in the US as well as effects to be expected if additional deferrals of blood donors are recommended.