

**TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 18 & 19, 2001**

**TOPIC 4**

**Suitability of Blood, Plasma and Tissue Donors  
Exposed to Various TSE Agents of Animals**

**Charge**

Please consider whether the agent of any animal TSE that occurs in the USA is likely to infect humans exposed to animals or to their products and if the probability that blood, plasma or tissue donors have been infected is sufficient to warrant recommending their deferral.

Please consider whether the BSE agent is likely to be accidentally imported into the USA in products or components of products and whether—in the absence of evidence that such importation has actually occurred—exposure of donors to any products poses sufficient risk to warrant recommending deferral.

**Questions**

1. Should the FDA be sufficiently concerned about the suitability of any blood, plasma and tissue donors potentially exposed to TSE agents of animals, both agents known to infect animals in the USA and agents that might be accidentally imported, to consider recommending deferral?
2. If so, which animal TSE agents present in the USA or accidentally imported, what types of product and what intensity of exposure should be of concern?