

Position Statement

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BSQR and EDQM Blood Guide

The Blood Safety and Quality Regulations (2005) were [amended in 2020](#) as follows:

“Amendment of regulation 7

7. In regulation 7—

(a) for paragraph (a) substitute—


(a) for paragraph (1)(b) substitute—

(b) establish and maintain a quality system for blood establishments—

(i) in relation to Great Britain, that is based on the principles of good practice, which meets the standards and requirements set out in the Annex to Commission Directive 2005/62/EC and which gives effect to the Good Practice Guidelines for Blood Establishments Required to Comply with Directive 2005/62/EC published in the **20th edition** of the [Guide to the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components](#));”

The 20th edition of the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM) Guide to the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components (the ‘Blood Guide’) has now been superseded.

JPAC and the UK Blood Services will follow the current version of the EDQM Blood Guide.



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