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BECAUSE HEAT TREATMENT OF ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR, HUMAN, DRIED (AHF) PRODUCTS HAS BEEN SHOWN TO INACTIVATE SOME VIRAL AGENTS THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS DISEASE, FURTHER RELIANCE ON AHF PRODUCTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN HEAT-TREATED CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED.

THE BUREAU OF BIOLOGICS THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT USE OF UNTREATED AHF BE REPLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH AHF PRODUCTS THAT HAVE BEEN HEAT-TREATED.

WE ARE ADVISING ALL AHF SUPPLIERS LICENSED BY THIS BUREAU OF THIS DECISION IN ORDER THAT NECESSARY MANUFACTURING ARRANGEMENTS MAY PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY.

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