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Mr Franks

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ARMOUR PHARMACEUTICAL CO. LTD - FACTORATE NEAT TREATED

1. You may be aware of the attached article which appeared in the 'Guardian' this morning.

2. The background is that Armour in conjunction with their American parent company have written to all UK Haemophilia Centre Directors and Regional Health Authorities withdrawing all batches of the above product that have not been donor screened is those manufactured before January 1986.

3. As the product licence holder (Rorer Health Care Ltd) claim to be in compliance with their product licence this matter has not been treated as a product defect. The Company have been in close contact with Dr Rotblat who is fully aware of the position. HS Division have also been informed.

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