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Subject: Fwd: Blood directive

Charles

Please see below- an unexpected and helpful development. Latest intelligence is that EPLP, the Socialist Group and the Conservatives will support an oral amendment suggested for amendment 43. I think this is a step in the right direction from our point of view. What do you think? Obviously it depends on your interpretation of the meaning of 'shortages' and 'certain blood products' - but perhaps we can work this in our favour. However, my reading of this text is that it also seems to suggest that importing from remunerated sources is not a permanent solution and the expectation is that steps would have to be taken so that blood was sourced from countries that meet the rest of the Directives requirements.

Grateful for your views but I think we can live with this for the time being (not that we have a choice) and it may make it easier to lobby more effectively for our own position during the remaining stages of the draft directive.

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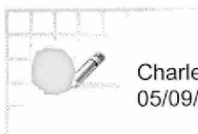
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Just to make you aware of group support for the attached amendment on the blood directive.


Best wishes,
Catriona Burness.



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Jon

The oral amendment helps but does not deal with the problem entirely. We would need an exception that covers not only product shortages but also allows Member States to source plasma from paid donors as a vCJD risk reduction measure. The UK imports plasma from the US from paid donors because that's the *only* way we can get enough plasma for our own needs from a country with no reported cases of BSE and vCJD. Although there are countries in Europe that have no BSE/vCJD and which source plasma from unpaid donors, they don't have enough surplus to meet the UK's needs as well.

Charles