

20TH JULY 1983
FOR THE URGENT ATTENTION OF:

ANITA BESSLER

FROM: DUDLEY FERGUSON

RE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TELEX 15TH JULY

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AS YOU ARE AWARE WE WERE OBLIGED TO RESPOND TO THE DHSS BY THE 19TH JULY LATEST. WE HAVE OBTAINED ONE DAY'S GRACE BUT MUST RESPOND TO THE DHSS WITHIN THE NEXT FIFTY MINUTES AS DISCUSSED WITH YOUR SECRETARY. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE. WOULD YOU PLEASE APPROVE OR LET ME HAVE YOUR SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS BY RETURN TELEPHONE CALL.

QUOTE:

1)
NO STOCKS OF PLASMA COLLECTED PRIOR TO 23RD MARCH 1983 ARE HELD IN STOCK IN THE USA OR THE UK. WE CURRENTLY HOLD STOCKS OF 11 BATCHES OF FACTORATE AND 2 BATCHES OF HIGH POTENCY FACTORATE REPRESENTING APPROX 250,000 AND 250,000 IU RESPECTIVELY IN PRESENTATIONS OF DIFFERING POTENCIES WHICH CONTAIN PLASMA DONATED PRIOR TO 23RD MARCH 1983.

2)
WE ARE AWAITING DOCUMENTATION FROM OUR USA AFFILIATES ON EXACT DATES ON WHICH THESE POOLS WERE COLLECTED FROM DONORS. ONCE WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION WE WILL LET YOU HAVE IT WITHOUT DELAY. BASED ON DATE OF RECEIPT OF PLASMA AT OUR FACILITY IN KANKAKEE USA ALL BATCHES EXCEPT ONE (143,910 IU) WERE PREPARED FROM PLASMA RECEIVED FROM FEBRUARY 1983. PLASMA FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE HIGH POTENCY FACTORATE WAS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1982 TO JANUARY 1983. AS INDICATED IN OUR PREVIOUS TELEX OUR USA COMPANY ADOPTED STRINGENT PRECAUTIONS AT OUR COLLECTION CENTRES FROM 1 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1982 AND PROGRESSED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FULL PROGRAMME IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR WHICH WILL BE ONGOING AS NEW INFORMATION COMES TO LIGHT.

3)
YES. IN RELATION TO SPECIFIC POTENCIES REQUESTED BY UK HAEMOPHILIA CENTRES. BATCHES OF FACTORATE ARE SPECIFICALLY SELECTED FOR THE UK MARKET IN ORDER TO MEET INDIVIDUAL POTENCY REQUIREMENTS OF UK HAEMOPHILIA CENTRES. THUS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHEN STOCKS OF A PARTICULAR BATCH MIGHT BE EXHAUSTED. THERE IS A LOWER DEMAND FOR HIGH POTENCY FACTORATE THAN FOR FACTORATE AND TURNOVER OF STOCK IS THEREFORE SLOWER. WHERE POSSIBLE IT IS NORMAL TO SUPPLY MATERIAL IN ROTATION DUE TO THE RELATIVELY SHORT SHELF LIFE OF THESE PRODUCTS.

4 AND 5)
BATCHES OF PRODUCT MANUFACTURED FROM PLASMA COLLECTED AFTER 23RD MARCH 1983 WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOLLOWING REQUEST BY HSCANDO FOR SUPPLYING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTROLLING FACTORS DEFINED AT (5).

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