STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 604

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) Regulations 2016

Made - - - -	*24th May 2016*
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The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**1**).The Secretary of State has been designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 in relation to health protection measures regulating the use of material of human origin(**2**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and shall come into force on 18th July 2016.

Amendment of the Schedule to the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005

2.—(1) The Schedule to the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005(**3**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part 3 (eligibility criteria for donors of whole blood and blood components), in the table in paragraph 2.2.1, for the entry for West Nile Virus (WNV) substitute—

"West Nile Virus (WNV) (*)	28 days after leaving a risk area of locally acquired West Nile Virus unless an individual Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) is negative"

(3) In Part 5 (quality and safety requirements for blood and blood components), in the table in paragraph 2, in the column headed "acceptable results for quality measures", in each place it appears, for "6.4–7.4 corrected for 22°C, at the end of the shelf life" substitute "Minimum 6.4 corrected for 22°C, at the end of the shelf life".

(**1**) 1972 c. 68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and section 3(3) of and Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7).
(**2**) S.I. 2004/3037.
(**3**) S.I. 2005/50, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.