

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health and Aged Care., Therapeutic Goods Administration <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Blood Bags
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Therapeutic Goods Order 68 – Blood Bags.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Describes mandatory standards for Blood Bags based on AS 3787.1-1997 and AS 3787.2-1997 Specifications.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To adopt an Australian national standard for the safety, quality and efficacy of blood bags.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Australian Standard AS 3787.1-1997, "General requirements for single-use, sterile, plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packs for human blood Part 1: Single blood packs" and AS 3787.2-1997 "General requirements for single-use, sterile, plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packs for human blood Part 2: Multiple blood pack systems – Specification.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> } February 2001
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 4 January 2001
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</b> A copy of the draft Therapeutic Goods Order No 68 – "Standard for Plasticized Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Blood Bags" from the Policy & International Liaison Section, Conformity Assessment Branch, Therapeutic Goods Administration: Fax: +61 2 6232 8687.  A copy of the Australian Standard is available from: Standards Australia, PO Box 1055, STRATHFIELD NSW 2135