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Please make the following amendment to the second bullet point in Section 7.8.3 “Storage”:

Delete:

• The storage may be extended to at least 10 years, if the correct storage temperature is guaranteed.

Replace with:

• Storage may be extended to 30 years if the correct storage temperature is guaranteed.

The supporting paper, JPAC 16-49 - Extended storage of frozen red cells, leading to this Change Notification, can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website: http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/document-library/supporting-papers

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