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# **Red Cells, Thawed and Washed, Leucocyte Depleted**

**Applies to the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom 8<sup>th</sup> Edition 2013**

### **7.8 Red Cells, Thawed and Washed, Leucocyte Depleted**

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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