

**Subpart B—Red Blood Cells**

**§ 640.10 Red Blood Cells.**

The proper name of this product shall be Red Blood Cells. The product is defined as red blood cells remaining after separating plasma from human blood.

[38 FR 32089, Nov. 20, 1973, as amended at 50 FR 4138, Jan. 29, 1985]

**§ 640.11 General requirements.**

(a) *Storage.* Immediately after processing, the Red Blood Cells shall be placed in storage and maintained at a temperature between 1 and 6 °C.

(b) *Inspection.* The product shall be inspected immediately after separation of the plasma, periodically during storage, and at the time of issue. The product shall not be issued if there is any abnormality in color or physical appearance or if there is any indication of microbial contamination.

[38 FR 32089, Nov. 20, 1973, as amended at 41 FR 18292, May 3, 1976; 42 FR 59878, Nov. 11, 1977; 50 FR 4139, Jan. 29, 1985]

**§ 640.12 Suitability of donor.**

The source blood for Red Blood Cells shall be obtained from a donor who meets the criteria for donor suitability prescribed in § 640.3.

[38 FR 32089, Nov. 20, 1973, as amended at 50 FR 4139, Jan. 29, 1985]

**§ 640.13 Collection of the blood.**

(a) The source blood shall be collected as prescribed in § 640.4.

(b) Source blood may also be derived from Whole Blood manufactured in accordance with applicable provisions of this subchapter.

[38 FR 32089, Nov. 20, 1973, as amended at 50 FR 4139, Jan. 29, 1985; 64 FR 45372, Aug. 19, 1999]

**§ 640.14 Testing the blood.**

Blood from which Red Blood Cells are prepared shall be tested as prescribed in §§ 610.40 and 610.45 of this chapter and § 640.5 (a), (b), and (c).

[53 FR 117, Jan. 5, 1988]

**§ 640.15 Pilot samples.**

Pilot samples collected in integral tubing or in separate pilot tubes shall meet the following standards:

(a) One or more pilot samples of either the original blood or of the Red Blood Cells being processed shall be provided with each unit of Red Blood Cells when issued or reissued.

(b) Before they are filled, all pilot sample tubes shall be marked or identified so as to relate them to the donor of that unit of red cells.

(c) Before the final container is filled or at the time the final product is prepared, the pilot sample tubes to accompany a unit of cells shall be attached securely to the final container in a tamper proof manner that will conspicuously indicate removal and reattachment.

(d) All pilot sample tubes accompanying a unit of Red Blood Cells shall be filled at the time the blood is collected or at the time the final product is prepared, in each instance by the person who performs the collection or preparation.

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**§ 640.16 Processing.**

(a) *Separation.* Within 21 days from date of blood collection (within 35 days from date of blood collection when CPDA-1 solution is used as the anticoagulant), Red Blood Cells may be prepared either by centrifugation done in a manner that will not tend to increase the temperature of the blood or by normal undisturbed sedimentation. A portion of the plasma sufficient to insure optimal cell preservation shall be left with the red blood cells except when a cryoprotective substance is added for prolonged storage.

(b) *Sterile system.* All surfaces that come in contact with the red cells shall be sterile and pyrogen-free.

(c) *Final containers.* Final containers used for Red Blood Cells shall be the original blood containers unless the method of processing requires a different container. The final container shall meet the requirements for blood containers prescribed in § 640.2(c). At the time of filing, if a different container is used, it shall be marked or