



**Canadian  
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Services**

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& TISSUES

1800 Alta Vista Drive  
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K1G 4J5  
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**ACTION REQUIRED**

Washed and Extra Washed Red Cells Using AS-3 Additive Solution and  
New Associated ISBT Component Codes  
Customer Letter # 2025-12

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2025-04-28

Dear Colleagues:

In November 2025, Canadian Blood Services will begin using AS-3 as the additive solution when producing washed and extra washed Red Blood Cells. This change is necessary as the current additive, SAGM, will no longer be available.

As a result, Hospitals are being asked to add the new component names and codes to their Laboratory Information System (LIS). Refer to Attachment 1 for the new component codes and descriptions and Attachment 2 for sample labels.

Please do not remove the current codes for WASH RBC LR (SAGM) / WASH RBC LR IRR (SAGM) and EXTRA WASH RBC LR (SAGM) / EXTRA WASH RBC LR IRR (SAGM) as these products may be distributed to your facility until SAGM inventory is depleted.

Prior to implementation, the Circular of Information, Red Blood Cells LR SAGM Added, will be updated to reflect changes.

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who might be interested in this information.

This customer letter can also be viewed at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) in the "Hospital Services" section. If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,

Jody Faught  
Vice President, Supply Chain



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## **ATTACHMENT 1/ PIÈCE JOINTE N° 1 – Component Codes/Codes- produit**

<b>LIS ACTION REQUIRED MESURE À PRENDRE</b>	<b>ISBT 128 COMPONENT CODE CODE ISBT 128</b>	<b>MNEMONIC TEXT (PACKING SLIP) AIDE-MÉMOIRE (BORDEREAU DE LIVRAISON)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INFORMATION ADDITIONNELLE</b>
ADD – NEW/ AJOUTER – NOUVEAU	E7959V00	WASH RBC LR (AS-3)	WASHED/LAVÉ RED BLOOD CELLS CULOT GLOBULAIRE LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ  Volume: nnn mL AS-3 added/ajoutée Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C	N/A
ADD – NEW/ AJOUTER – NOUVEAU	E7958V00	WASH RBC LR IRR (AS-3)	WASHED/LAVÉ RED BLOOD CELLS CULOT GLOBULAIRE LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ IRRADIATED/IRRADIÉ  Volume: nnn mL AS-3 added/ajoutée Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C	
ADD – NEW/ AJOUTER – NOUVEAU	EB326V00	EXTRA WASH RBC LR (AS-3)	EXTRA WASHED/DOUBLE LAVAGE RED BLOOD CELLS CULOT GLOBULAIRE LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ  Volume: nnn mL AS-3 added/ajoutée Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C	
ADD – NEW/ AJOUTER – NOUVEAU	EB327V00	EXTRA WASH RBC LR IRR (AS- 3)	EXTRA WASHED/DOUBLE LAVAGE RED BLOOD CELLS CULOT GLOBULAIRE LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ IRRADIATED/IRRADIÉ  Volume: nnn mL AS-3 added/ajoutée Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C	





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**ATTACHMENT 2/ PIÈCE JOINTE N° 2 – WASH/EXTRA WASH RBC LR  
(AS-3) and WASH/EXTRA WASH RBC LR IRR (AS-3) label  
Samples/Exemples d'étiquettes pour le:**


  
**C0555 25 000001 N O**  
Canadian Blood Services/Société canadienne du sang  
Ottawa, ON K1G 4J5  
Establishment Licence/Licence d'établissement: 100390  
Volunteer donor. This product may transmit infectious agents.  
See Circular of Information for indications, contraindications,  
cautions and methods of infusion. Donneur bénévole. Ce  
produit peut transmettre des agents infectieux. Voir la  
Circulaire d'information pour les indications, les contre-  
indications, les mises en garde et les méthodes de perfusion.



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
  
**E7958V00**  
WASHED/LAVÉ  
**RED BLOOD CELLS**  
**CULOT GLOBULAIRE**  
LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ  
IRRADIATED/IRRADIÉ

Volume: 312 mL  
AS-3 added/ajoutée  
Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C


  
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**Rh POSITIVE**


  
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Volume: 312 mL  
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**Rh POSITIVE**


  
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
  
**EB326V00**  
EXTRA WASHED/DOUBLE LAVAGE  
**RED BLOOD CELLS**  
**CULOT GLOBULAIRE**  
LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ

Volume: 292 mL  
AS-3 added/ajoutée  
Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C


  
0600  
  
**Rh NEGATIVE**


  
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19 FEB 2025 23:59


  
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Ottawa, ON K1G 4J5  
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
  
**EB327V00**  
EXTRA WASHED/DOUBLE LAVAGE  
**RED BLOOD CELLS**  
**CULOT GLOBULAIRE**  
LEUKOCYTES REDUCED/PART. DÉLEUCOCYTÉ  
IRRADIATED/IRRADIÉ


Volume: 292 mL  
AS-3 added/ajoutée  
Store at/Conserver à 1-6°C

  
0250431037  
12 FEB 2025 10:37

  
0600  
  
**Rh NEGATIVE**

  
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14 FEB 2025 11:54

  
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Expires on  
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