

BLOOD DONOR ELIGIBILITY CHANGE



FDA UPDATES “MAD COW” DISEASE DEFERRAL

A change in eligibility welcomes new and former blood donors



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), has updated guidance for the Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) or “Mad Cow” disease deferral.

The geographical risk deferral is now LIFTED for those who lived in or received transfusions in:

- U.K. for 3 months or more, cumulatively, from 1980-1996
- France or Ireland, for 5 year or more, cumulatively, from 1980 - 2001

Welcome Back Blood Donors!

Though this specific deferral is lifted, there are still basic requirements for blood donation eligibility to include other medical and travel deferrals. Contact your local ASBP donor center for additional eligibility and deferral information or concerns.



Did You Know? In 2020, the FDA removed the vCJD blood donor travel deferral for a majority of European countries but the U.K., France and Ireland still had deferral restrictions.