

## 2.4.8 Production Date [Data Structure 008]

**Purpose:** Data Structure 008 shall indicate the date on which the product was produced. While in the past this data structure may have been used for blood, tissue, or cellular therapy products, Data Structure 009 should be used for these products.

**Structure:** =}cyyjjj

Element	Length	Type
=	1	data identifier, first character
}	1	data identifier, second character
c	1	numeric {0–9}
yy	2	numeric {0–9}
jjj	3	numeric {0–9}

The six (6)-character data content string, **cyyjjj**, shall be encoded and interpreted as follows:

- c** shall specify the century of the year in which the product was produced
- yy** shall specify the year within the century in which the product was produced
- jjj** shall specify the ordinal number within the calendar year (Julian date) on which the product was produced