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*Biotherapeutics Association of Australasia supports the concept of global standardization using ISBT 128.*

Recognizing that:

- the World Health Assembly in Resolution WHA63.22 encourages the implementation of globally consistent coding systems for human cells, tissues and organs order to facilitate national and international traceability of materials of human origin for transplantation;
- the importance of a consistent approach to coding and labeling of medical products of human origin (MPHO) to ensure effective traceability and vigilance of all donated human material;
- the need for a standard that is stable, flexible, and effectively managed to meet the rapidly changing needs of the transfusion and transplantation communities;
- the widespread successful adoption of the ISBT 128 information standard in many countries throughout the world;
- the international support for the use of ISBT 128 coding and labeling for blood, cellular therapy, and ocular tissue products; and
- the ongoing effectiveness of ICCBBA in maintaining and developing the ISBT 128 Standard to the satisfaction of the professional user community.

The Biotherapeutics Association of Australasia, (formerly Australasian Tissue and Biotherapeutics Forum), supports the principle of universal use of ISBT 128 for labeling, coding and identification of medical products of human origin (including blood, blood components, tissues, cells and organs.)



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We believe that ISBT 128 should be progressively implemented (as appropriate to the situation) in individual tissue and cell banks.

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