

Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee

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Title of Paper

Transmission of prion diseases by blood transfusion

Issue

SEAC was alerted to the key findings presented in this paper at the last meeting as part of the consideration of the draft DNV report on the risks of transmission of CJD via blood. The full publication is now in the public domain and a copy is provided.

Action Required from Committee

- Members are asked to identify any new information with potential implications for human and/or animal health which arise from the results emerging from this study.
- Members are asked to advise on additional research that should be considered in the light of these results.
- Members are asked to comment on whether they feel that the age of donor and recipient sheep, or any other experimental variable, will affect interpretation of results, and whether this should be further investigated.

List of material attached

Article "Transmission of prion diseases by blood transfusion" to appear in Journal of General Virology (published on the website: www.socgenmicrobiol.org.uk/JGVDirect/18580/18580ft.pdf on 9 July 2002; scheduled paper publication date 14 October 2002).