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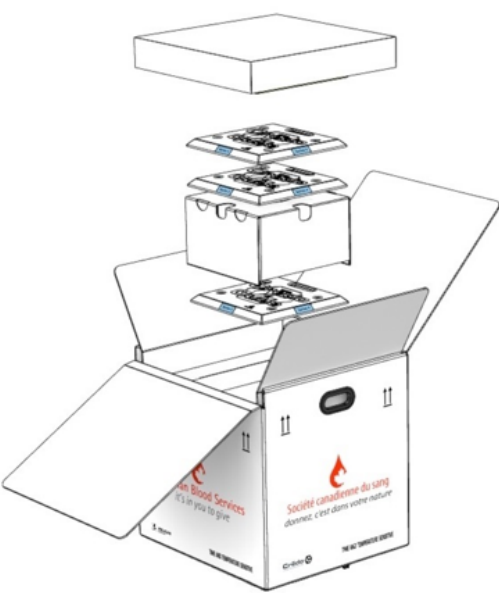
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Update to Allowable Transportation Times – PPRP Packed with Red Blood Cells in a 16L ISC Customer Letter # 2025-18

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Dear Colleagues:

Canadian Blood Services has updated the allowable transportation time for Refrigerated Plasma Protein and Related Products (PPRP) packed with Red Blood Cells in a 16 Litre Polyurethane (PUR) or Black Expanded Polypropylene (EPP) Shipping Container. The total transit time when RBCs have been packed with PPRP has been reduced from 27 to 24 hours, as shown in the figure below and on Page 6 of 6 in Attachment #1 ISC Packing Configurations 2025.

Refrigerated Plasma Protein and Related Products (PPRP) - 16 Litre	
	<p>Confirm Upon Receipt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16L Polyurethane (PUR) OR black Expanded Polypropylene (EPP) Container with lid firmly seated• Three square Series 4 Plates. One plate will be on the bottom, one plate will be on top of the insert and the third plate at the top of the ISC <p>Note: Product can be placed in the insert between the bottom plate and the middle plate and between the middle and top plate. If product is only packed in the insert, the middle and top plates will be together on top of the insert.</p> <p>Maximum allowable transportation time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For PUR: Packing Time to the Time of Receipt ≤ 27 hours• For EPP: Packing Time to the Time of Receipt ≤ 33 hours <p>Note: RBC units can also be placed in this packing configuration along with refrigerated PPRP but this reduces the maximum allowable transportation time to 24 hours.</p>

To ensure continued clarity around the various packing configurations, insulated shipping containers and allowable transportation times currently in use at Canadian Blood Services, the ISC Packing Configurations have been updated (Refer to Attachment #1). No other changes have been made to the ISC Packing Configurations.

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 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,

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