Q. We are a transfusion service that only thaws and uses it within the required time frame for Frozen Plasma. Will I be required to relabel that unit and do I have to register with ICCBBA(Official site for ISBT–128)?

A. If your facility thaws Frozen Plasma and transfuses it within 24 hours, then you are not required to relabel the unit. Hand write the new expiration date/ time on the unit. However, if your facility keeps it over the 24 hours (up to 5 days), then you will have to relabel the unit as Plasma. If you apply an ISBT 128 label (i.e. 5 day Plasma) then you would have to register with ICCBBA.

Q. If we irradiate products at our hospital, that are collected at the blood center, whose facility identification number is supposed to appear on the ISBT 128 label and where?

A. The facility identification number of the collection facility should remain on the bag in the upper left hand quadrant of the label in order to maintain donation tractability. When applicable, the modifying facility's information will appear in the lower third portion of the lower right quadrant of the label. (Quadrant 4)

Q. I am not sure if all forms used in our hospital can accommodate the 13–digit donor
identification number? For those with computerized operations, have manual back–up forms and procedures been reviewed to accommodate the 13–digit donor identification number?

A. Conduct an audit of the forms used by laboratory and nursing. Consider forms for medical records or billing that should be reviewed. You could do a mini–Tracer audit looking only at forms used in the entire transfusion process.

Q. Using the ISBT format, is there an easy way to match the product code between Irradiated and Non–Irradiated?

A. It is more complicated in the ISBT format here are some paired ISBT code examples in the following table:

	Non Irradiated	Irradiated
Apheresis Platelet (single)	E3077	E3046
Apheresis Platelet as member of the multiple set	E3087	E3056
	E3088	E3057
	E3089	E3058
LR–Red Blood Cell	E0424	E0420