

Cabinet Resolution No. (63) of 2020 Regarding the Freezing of Red Blood Cells, their Components and Rare Blood Groups for Emergency Cases and Purposes of Emergency, Crises and Disasters

The Cabinet,

- Having perused the Constitution,
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 on the Jurisdictions of the Ministries and the Competences of the Ministers, as amended;
- Federal Law No. (2) of 2011 in respect of the Establishment of the National Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA), as amended;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (28) of 2008 on Blood Transfusion System;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (39) of 2015 concerning the Strategic Medical Stockpile; and based on what was presented by the Minister of Health & Prevention and approval of the Cabinet,

Has decreed as follows:

Article (1)

Definitions

In application of the provisions of this Resolution, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings ascribed thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

State : United Arab Emirates.

Ministry : Ministry of Health & Prevention.

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Health Authorities : The Ministry or any federal or local government authority concerned with health affairs in UAE.

National Level : Health Authorities at the State level.

Centre

: The Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Centre in the Ministry.

Blood Donation Centers : Governmental centers concerned with dealing with donors and are responsible for providing blood and its components to governmental and private hospitals in the UAE.

Director of : The employee responsible for managing the Centre in each Health Authority.

Blood Donation Centers

Authority : National Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA).

Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile : They are Quantities of supplies (medical materials) and solutions that are used to collect and check blood units and their components. The Blood Donation Centers shall store and keep such quantities and use them in providing medical and health services in emergencies, and for the purposes of emergencies, crises and disasters in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Strategic Blood Stockpile : They are Quantities of normal and frozen blood units or their components. The Blood Donation Centers shall store and keep such quantities and used them to provide blood and its components in emergencies, and for the purposes of emergencies, crises and disasters in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Article (2)

Provision & Management of Strategic Blood Stockpile for the Purposes of Emergencies, Crises and Disasters

1. The Health Authority, according to the geographical scope of its jurisdiction, shall take the necessary measures to provide and manage the Blood Freezing Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile, and pay against the costs, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.
2. The Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile shall be used to respond to medical and health needs to face any exceptional situation resulting from an emergency, crisis or disaster.

3. The quantity of the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the quantity of blood and its groups for the Strategic Blood Stockpile shall be sufficient to cover the health needs for the period of time specified by the Minister in coordination with the Authority and other Health Authorities.

Article (3)

The Minister shall determine the items and quantities that must be provided within the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile, as well as the necessary conditions and rules for using such stockpile.

Article (4)

The Health Authority, according to the geographical scope of its jurisdiction and the applicable procedures, may conclude agreements with companies, establishments or entities supplying medical resources to provide the necessary quantities of medical materials used to freeze a strategic blood stockpile, provided that such agreements shall specify how to manage it, the period of storing and preserving such quantities, how they are recycled, and the procedures that shall apply when using this stockpile, in coordination with the Centre and the blood donation centers.

Article (5)

The Health Authority, according to the applicable procedures, shall supervise the contracting companies, establishments or entities in accordance with the provisions of Article (4) of this Resolution to ensure the extent of compliance with the terms and controls for providing and managing the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (6)

Control over the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile

The Ministry, through the Centre, shall supervise the procedures of providing and managing the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile in coordination with the Health Authorities, blood donation centers or any other party, according to the limits of their

respective jurisdiction.

Article (7)

The Centre shall coordinate with the Health Authorities, the General Command of the Armed Forces and the Authority concerning the management of the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile with regard to everything related to stocks, supplies, special materials, and blood units or their components. Such coordination shall include how to transport the required blood units to the site of use.

Article (8)

Strategic Blood Stockpile Use & Request

1. The Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile may not be requested or used, except in cases of emergency, crises or disasters that are declared in accordance with the legislation in force in this regard.
2. The Minister shall issue a decision to request the Strategic Blood Stockpile at the national level in cases of emergency, crises or disasters.
3. The Centre undertakes the implementation procedures of the decision to request and manage the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile referred to in Clause (2) of this Article at the national level, in coordination with the Authority.
4. The Director of the blood donation center may use the Strategic Blood Stockpile in emergency medical cases, especially in case of rare blood groups after coordination with the Centre, provided that such stockpile is compensated by providing similar blood units.
5. The directors of blood donation centers, after coordination with the center, may use the Strategic Blood Stockpile in cases of recycling to avoid damage due to expiration, provided that such stockpile is replaced by similar blood units.

Article (9)

1. The decision to request the Blood Supplies Strategic Medical Stockpile and the Strategic Blood Stockpile at the local level shall be issued by the head of the concerned local Health Authority.
2. The local Health Authorities shall take the necessary measures to implement the decision to

request the Strategic Stockpile referred to in Clause (1) of this Article at the local level, and inform the Centre of the measures taken in this regard.

Article (10)

The Minister shall determine all procedures that shall be applied when using and managing the Strategic Stockpile for blood freezing supplies and the Strategic Blood Stockpile from the issuance of the decision to request the Strategic Stockpile until it is delivered to the authorities that will use it, and how to retrieve the unused and remaining quantities at the end of the situation that necessitated using it, and the coordination mechanisms with the relevant authorities.

Article (11)

General Provisions

1. For the purpose of implementing this Resolution, an electronic link shall be established between the Health Authorities and the Centre, and the Centre in turn shall be responsible for electronic linkage with the National Operations Centre in the Authority, in order to follow up and manage the Strategic Blood Stockpile and its components, in accordance with the controls set by the Centre.
2. The Minister may take whatever measures deemed appropriate, including negotiation with the competent companies and any other party useful for cooperation for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Resolution, especially to handle the freezing process within the framework of the strategic partnership between the government and private sectors.

Article (12)

Executive Resolutions

The Minister shall issue the resolutions required to apply the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (13)

Resolution Publication & Application

This Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be enforced as of the day following the date of its publication.

Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Prime Minister

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