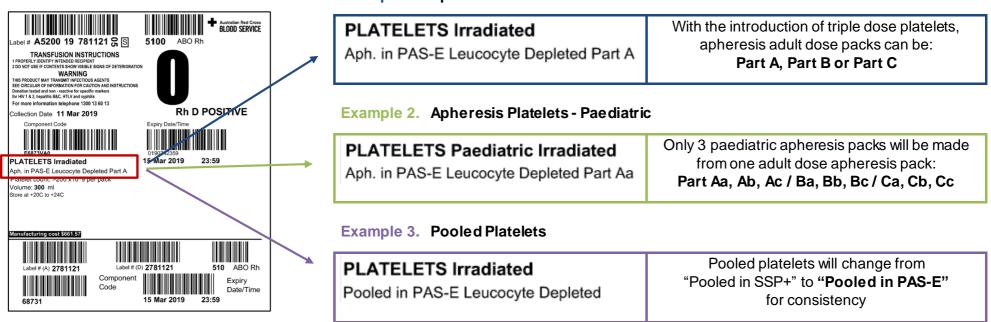


#### Introduction of Apheresis Platelets in PAS and Triple Dose Platelets

From 28 March 2019 - the Blood Service will start producing Apheresis Platelets in Platelet Additive Solution (PAS), using the same additive solution as used in the pooled platelets. At the same time, we will start collecting triple dose platelets (in addition to single and double dose).

#### Changes to platelet component labels

The component description for all platelets will change. All platelets suspended in platelet additive solution will now refer to "PAS-E" in the component description, rather than the product name SSP+. This will also apply to pooled platelets.



### **Example 1.** Apheresis Platelets

## All platelets will be suspended in PAS

There will be a short transition period during which you may still receive apheresis platelets suspended in plasma, as well as receiving apheresis platelets in PAS. At the completion of this transition, apheresis platelets suspended in 100% plasma will no longer be available.

# Micro aggregation

Note that occasional micro aggregates may be observed in apheresis platelets in PAS, and a standard transfusion filter is effective in removing these if present. If concerned, please contact your pathology provider.