COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATION No. 330/2014
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL BLOOD BANK SERVICE

This Regulation is issued by the Council of Ministers pursuant to Article 5 and 35 of the Definitions of Powers and Duties of the Executive Organs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Proclamation No. 691/2010 (as amended by Proclamation No. 803/2013).

1. Short Title
This Regulation may be cited as the “National Blood Bank Service Establishment Council of Ministers Regulation No. 330/2014”.

2. Definitions
In this Regulation unless the context otherwise requires:

1/ "blood" means a fluid which circulates within the human body that contains red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma;

2/ "blood donation" means one of a voluntary humanitarian deed of provision of blood irrespective of gender, race and religious differences which requires participation of the public at large;
3/ “service” mean an autonomous entity which collects, processes and supplies safe and adequate blood;

4/ “transfusion” means giving of blood or blood products to a patient when the patient’s need of blood is ascertained by a health professional;

5/ “blood components” mean red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma;

6/ “blood components preparation” means a process of separating red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma from the collected blood parts into their constituent;

7/ “region” means any state referred to in Article 47 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and includes the Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa City Administrations;

8/ “Ministry” and “Minister” means the Ministry and Minister of Health, respectively.

9/ any expression in the masculine gender includes the feminine.

3. Establishment

1/ The National Blood Bank Service (hereafter referred to us the “Service”) is hereby established as an autonomous federal government organ having its own legal personality.

2/ The Service shall be accountable to the Ministry.

4. Head Office

The Service shall have its head office in Addis Ababa and branch offices elsewhere, as may be necessary.

5. Objectives of the Service

The objective of the Service shall be to provide adequate, safe and timely prepared blood and blood products and other related services to all persons who need blood transfusion in Ethiopia.
6. Powers and Duties of the Service

The Service shall have the powers and duties to:

1/ enhance the number of blood donors by creating public awareness through mass media and other different means;

2/ provide technical support for blood donor clubs established and to be established in schools, health facilities, governmental and non-governmental organizations, religious institutions and other similar institutions of the community;

3/ ensure that blood and blood products are collected from voluntary donor, collect, conduct necessary laboratory testing, process and store blood and blood products properly and dispatch the screened safe blood and blood products to health facilities providing blood transfusion;

4/ strengthen health facilities to improve their blood service and utilization of blood; ensure the existence of an adequate stock of blood in health facilities and ensure the establishment and proper functioning of hospital blood transfusion committees;

5/ provide safe and adequate blood and blood products to health facilities;

6/ ensure the availability of sufficient stock of blood at national level and, coordinate, network and technically support regional blood banks;

7/ conduct, as may be necessary, researches related to the service, provide short term and on job trainings for staffs and update the service with the modern knowledge and technology in the field;

8/ issue guidelines for collection, screening, processing, providing, discarding and appropriate clinical usage of blood and blood products;
9/ own property, enter into contract and sue and be sued in its own name;
10/ perform other related activities as may be necessary for the attainment of its objectives.

7. Organization of the Service
The Service shall have:
1/ a Director General and, as may be necessary, Deputy Director Directors to be appointed by the Minister, and
2/ the necessary staff.

8. Powers and Duties of the Director General
1/ The Director General shall be the chief executive officer of the Service and shall, subject to the general directions of the Ministry, direct and administer the activities of the Service.

2/ Without limiting the generality of sub-article (1) of the Article the Director shall:

a/ exercise the powers and duties of the Service specified under Article 6 of this Regulation;

b/ employ and administer employees of the Service in accordance with the federal civil service laws;

c/ prepare and submit to the Ministry the strategic plan, the annual work plan and budget of the Service, and implement same upon approval by the Government;

d/ effect payments in accordance with the approved budget and work plan of the Service;

e/ represent the Service in its dealings with third parties;

f/ prepare and submit to the Ministry the performance and financial reports of the Service.
3/ The Director General may delegate part of his powers and duties to other officers and employees of the Service to the extent necessary for the efficient performance of the activities of the Service.

9. Powers and Duties of the Deputy Director Generals

The Deputy Director Generals shall have the following powers and duties:

1/ support the Director General in planning, organizing, leading and coordinating the activities of the Service;

2/ perform other duties specifically assigned to them by the Director General;

3/ perform duties specifically assigned to them through delegation in the absence of the Director General.

10. Budget

The budget of the Service shall be allocated by the Government.

11. Books of Accounts

1/ The Service shall keep complete and accurate books of accounts.

2/ The books of accounts and other financial documents of the Service shall be audited annually by the auditor General or by an auditor designated by him.

12. Power to Issue Directive

The Service may issue directives necessary, in consultation with the Ministry, for the implementation of this Regulation.

13. Effective Date

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of publications in the Federal Negarit Gazettte.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 8th day of January, 2015.

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