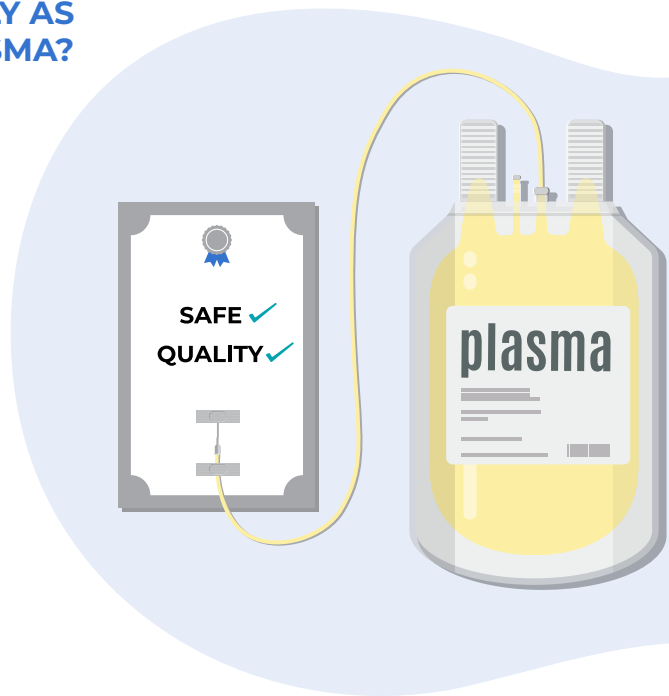


KEY FACTS ON PLASMA DONATION AND COMPENSATION

Q IS COMPENSATED PLASMA EQUALLY AS SAFE AS NON-COMPENSATED PLASMA?

A Compensation has no impact on the safety of plasma. EU requirements are the same for the quality, safety, and efficacy of the starting material (plasma) and the final product (plasma-derived medicinal products), regardless of where the plasma is sourced (US or EU) or how it is obtained (compensated vs. non-compensated).³







The fact that there is no impact on the safety of plasma-derived medicinal products has also officially been concluded by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), which stated that “there is no evidence [...] that donor remuneration increases the risk of viral transmission via plasma-derived medicinal products”.⁴



Q DOES THE COMPENSATION OF PLASMA DONORS CONFLICT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF VOLUNTARY UNPAID DONATION (VUD)?

A Most EU countries provide some form of compensation for plasma donors. It covers expenses incurred and recognises the inconvenience related to donating, following the principle of Voluntary Unpaid Donation (VUD).⁵

Compensation is regulated by Member States and can take many forms.⁶ Whether the public, private or third sector collects source plasma, compensation is a proven tool to reduce reliance on third countries, strengthen European healthcare systems and allow more people to choose to donate plasma and save more lives.

	Reimbursement of travel expenses	
	Fixed-rate allowance	
	Day off from work	

³Guideline on epidemiological data on blood transmissible infections [EMA/CHMP/BWP/548524/2008]; Guideline on the scientific data requirements for a plasma master file (PMF) [EMA/CHMP/BWP/3794/03]; Guideline on plasma-derived medicinal products [EMA/CHMP/BWP/706271/2010/ 21 July 2018].

⁴CHMP position statement – Non-remunerated and remunerated donors: safety and supply of plasma-derived medicinal products. https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/position/cmpmp-position-statement-non-remunerated-remunerated-donors-safety-supply-plasma-derived-medicinal_en.pdf

⁵Commission staff working document on the implementation of the principle of voluntary and unpaid donation for human blood and blood components as foreseen in Directive 2002/98/EC on setting standards of quality and safety for the collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human blood and blood components and amending Directive 2001/83/EC. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52016SC0130>

⁶https://www.euneedsmoreplasma.com/images/plasma-donation/summary_new%20thinking%20%20approaches%20to%20plasma%20donation%20to%20benefit%20europes%20patients.pdf