**COURT APPROVED PROTOCOL**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL FILING OF CLAIMS
AFTER APPLICABLE TIME LIMITS**


1.　　Where the Administrator is notified for the first time of a claim to be filed after the applicable time limit set out in sections 3.05 (1), 3.06 or 3.07 of the Transfused HCV Plan or sections 3.04 (1), 3.05 or 3.06 of the Hemophiliac HCV Plan or in the definition of *Secondarily Infected Person* and *Spouse* (the « Late Claim »), the Administrator shall:

i)　　record all the relevant information pertaining to the Late Claim; and

ii)　　request a written explanation to be received within thirty (30) days and detailing the reasons why the Late Claim was not filed in accordance with the applicable time limit.

2.　　If the Administrator is of the opinion that the detailed written explanation contains reasonable grounds for not filing the Late Claim in accordance with the applicable time limit, the Administrator shall provide an Initial Claim Package to the person filing a Late Claim;

3.　　The sending out of an Initial Claim Package pursuant to this Court Approved Protocol shall not be considered as binding in any way whatsoever on the eligibility and assessment of the Late Claim for compensation.

4.　　If the Administrator does not receive a detailed written explanation within thirty (30) days as described in Section 1 (ii) or, if in the opinion of the Administrator, the detailed written explanation does not contain reasonable grounds explaining why the Late Claim was not filed in accordance with the applicable time limit, the Administrator shall notify the person in writing that the Late Claim has been denied based on the failure to meet the applicable time limit and shall bring the relevant appeal sections of the Transfused HCV Plan or the Hemophiliac HCV Plan to the attention of such person.

5.　　Any decision by the Administrator to deny a Late Claim based on the failure to meet the applicable time limit is subject to appeal pursuant to article 10.01 of the Transfused HCV Plan or article 10.01 of the Hemophiliac HCV Plan.