

SECOND JOINT STATEMENT ON TERMINOLOGY, CODING, AND LABELING OF HUMAN DONOR OCULAR TISSUE

In 2012 the Boards of the Association of Eye Banks of Asia (AEBA), Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand (EBAANZ), Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI), European Eye Bank Association (EEBA), Pan-American Association of Eye Banks (APABO), and the International Council for Commonality in Blood Bank Automation (ICCBBA) issued a joint consensus statement in support of the use of ISBT 128 in the coding of human donor ocular tissue.

With the rapid development of corneal transplantation, ocular tissue preparation, and storage techniques over the last ten years, the eye bank associations indicated below reaffirm their commitment to achieving globally standardized terminology, coding, and labeling when describing human donor ocular tissue by means of the established international [Eye Bank Technical Advisory Group \(EBTAG\)](#).

Recognizing:

- the quality and safety benefits of globally unique identification and common and consistent terminology, coding, and labeling for human donor ocular tissue;
- the need for globally unique identification of grafts to support international traceability and biovigilance;
- the importance of an agreed common structured terminology to provide internationally standardized names and specific description codes to describe human donor ocular tissue for clinical application and non-clinical use (research and/or educational [including surgical training]);
- the widespread adoption of ISBT 128 as the global standard for the terminology, coding, and labeling of human donor ocular tissue;
- the need for international management and technical cooperation for the successful maintenance and development of such standards, and;
- the necessity to give advice on the ongoing development of the ISBT 128 standard to support new developments in eye banking.

The Boards of the associations listed below:

- reaffirm their endorsement of ISBT 128 as the global standard for the terminology, coding, and labeling of human donor ocular tissue;
- encourage the international adoption of ISBT 128 standard terminology to describe all activities relating to the donation, procurement, testing, processing, preservation, storage, and distribution of human donor ocular tissue, through to clinical use;
- encourage the use of this terminology throughout the scientific literature when describing human donor ocular tissue;
- wish to promote the ongoing development of the ISBT 128 standard to support new developments in eye banking and corneal transplantation, and;
- encourage other relevant professional bodies, accreditation bodies, regulators, and health authorities to support this ongoing drive for global standardization.

This statement is supported by: EBAA, EBAANZ, EEBA, and ICCBBA.



For further information on this initiative, contact eyebank@isbt128.org.

Links to supporting documents:

- ISBT 128 Standard Technical Specification ([ST-001](#))
- ISBT 128 Standard Terminology for Medical Products of Human Origin ([ST-002](#))
- ISBT 128 Standard Labeling of Ocular Tissue ([ST-009](#))