

International Eye Banking Technical Advisory Group on Terminology, Coding and Labeling of Ocular Tissue

The Boards of the Association of Eye Banks of Asia, Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand, Eye Bank Association of America, Eye Bank Association of India, European Eye Bank Association, Pan-American Association of Eye Banks, and ICCBBA:

- taking into account World Health Assembly Resolution WHA63.22 which calls for the implementation of globally consistent coding systems for human cells tissues and organs;
- recognizing the significant benefits of international standardization of nomenclature, coding and labeling in clinical practice;
- recognizing the need for globally unique identification of grafts to support international traceability and biovigilance;
- acknowledging the widespread use of the international information standard *ISBT 128* in the fields of transfusion and transplantation;
- recognizing the need for international management and technical co-operation for the successful maintenance and development of such standards,

have established an international advisory group for nomenclature, coding and labeling of ocular tissue to:

- a) develop a standard terminology to describe ocular tissue grafts;
- b) provide guidance on standard labeling of ocular tissue grafts;
- c) promote the adoption of the *ISBT 128* standard in Eye Bank facilities around the world;
- d) provide advice and support to facilities introducing the standard;
- e) advise on the ongoing development of the *ISBT 128* standard to support new developments in eye banking.

An agreed nomenclature has now been developed. The Boards of the above organizations confirm their support for the international use of *ISBT 128* in the coding of ocular tissue and encourage Eye Banks to:

- Adopt this standard terminology for use in communications and in the labeling of ocular tissue grafts;
- Implement *ISBT 128* globally unique donation identification for ocular tissue grafts;
- Move towards full implementation of *ISBT 128* nomenclature, coding and labeling in accordance with guidance published by the eye bank technical advisory group.