GRID: Implementation Deadlines

Description of Step A, B, C, D and E

Step E: Fully implemented the new GRID donor ID

From 15th December 2020 GRID must be fully implemented for all organisations and will be the only donor identifier to be shown in the search & Match Service. Final references to the old donor ID will no longer be visible within the Search & Match service and should be discontinued. WMDA acknowledges that on a registry level, the current donor IDs will never fully be removed and must be maintained for historical traceability and quality. The expectation is that use of these IDs in daily processes and communications (technical and operational) are discontinued. Continued use of multiple IDs is inherently a risk of misidentification and miscommunication.

Step D: Use the new GRID donor ID as the main donor identifier

From 17th December 2019 all organisations must be able to accept the GRID as the sole identifier for any incoming donor related data transactions. During this phase you may continue to use your old donor IDs alongside their GRID as a secondary identifier should you wish to.

Step C1: Organisations start to use the new GRID ID in their IT communications between organisations

From April 29, 2019, organisations providing blood stem cells must ensure their own registry IT systems must have a GRID populated to ensure they are able to interact with external applications like EMDIS, Search & Match Service. They must use both the old donor ID as well as the new GRID donor ID to allow partner organisations to transition donors in their system and across their operations from the old donor ID to the new GRID donor ID. If you need more time to roll out your operational processes, you have until 1st July.

C*1: IT track: The expectation for mandatory GRID implementation is defined as any technical process that involves interaction with other organisations (for example completing the EMDIS IPs), but does not include any technical changes that are entirely internal (e.g .screen changes or internal database changes). GRID as mandatory in IT will remain from the beginning of step C on 29 April.

Step C2: Organisations must use the new GRID ID in all international (IT & Operational) communication between organisations

From July 1, 2019 all organisations must ensure that their operational procedures contain GRID. This means from 1st July both (Old donor and GRID) IDs are mandatory on electronic communication (EMDIS, Search & Match), emails, search lists, working instructions, documents, invoicing, extended and verification typings samples, infectious disease marker samples and collected products throughout C2 phase. You must ensure that all your transplant centres, donor centres, collection centres and other stakeholders are fully aware of GRID and are prepared in advance for receiving GRID.

Samples and product labels should carry both donor IDs. Space limitations may mean that only one donor identifier can be carried on the label and in such cases both donor identifiers must be present in accompanying documentation for a clear audit trail of donor IDs. Donor identifiers should preferably be printed but in situations where hand written labels are currently in use this practice may continue. Where space permits the use of barcodes in addition to the eye-readable identifiers is encouraged. If either one of the donor ID numbers is missing, the organisation receiving communication is justified to ask for the other donor ID number. Please refer to the labelling guides that are available for meeting the requirements during this phase.

C*2: Operational track: The expectation of GRID implementation during this step includes search reports, email communications, documents and forms, blood sample and product labelling, invoicing etc. Operational changes will be mandatory from 1 July 2019.

Step B: Donor files submitted to the Search & Match Service show the old as well as the GRID donor ID

All organisations from January 1, 2019 must ensure that their XML data submission file to Search & Match Service contains the GRID field. Where you have assigned a GRID to your donors and submitted it via the XML, the GRID ID will be made visible within the Search and Match donor reports.

- If you do not have the GRID number in your XML-file, please do not provide the field, otherwise your donor file will be rejected.
- If you have the GRID number in your XML file, WMDA will validate the GRID and show both the old donor ID number and GRID on the Search & Match donor reports.

NOTE: During this transition period you must carry on submitting the old donor ID in conjunction with the GRID ID. This is to ensure that donors can be clearly identified with either or both IDs.

Step A: Start of implementing GRID in your organisation

This is the first phase of adopting the Global Registration Identifier Donors (GRID) in your organisation. This means by **31st December 2018** your organisation must register an Issuing Organisation Number (ION) at ICCBBA. You must also have defined a strategy how to implement GRID in your organisation, in your processes and in your country.

TIP: WMDA office can assist you in facilitating your registration of the ION number at ICCBBA.

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