

Contextual Assessments

In this section you will review contextual issues such as social, legal or ethical concerns associated with the issue. Conducting a contextual assessment enables you to gauge their possible impact on the decision.

Complete the table below to determine if a full contextual assessment is required in one of the identified areas (ethical, legal, regulatory, social concern).

For more information on contextual assessments, refer to Stage 4 in the Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework)

Issue	Description	Further assessment required	
Ethical:		YES ✓	NO ✕
Does the situation involve an ethical issue?			
Has the ethical issue affected public policy in the recent past?			
Is the risk seen as unfair?			
Are the risks distributed unfairly within society?			
Does the issue involve vulnerable groups?			
Has there been a lack of consent or access to information?			
Legal /regulatory:		YES ✓	NO ✕
Are there legal/regulatory/ political issues?			
Does this affect the various options?			
Social concern, risk perception, trust:		YES ✓	NO ✕
Does the issue involve a lot of media coverage, high profile people or controversy?			
Is the hazard unfamiliar/ transmission unclear?			
Are the effects potentially serious?			
Is the risk perceived as involuntary?			
Is perceived risk higher than actual?			

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		YES ✓	NO ✕
Social concern, risk perception, trust:			
Does the risk outweigh the benefits?			
Is the situation linked to previous controversy?			
Is there a perception that the blood operator has contributed to the risk?			
Is the issue significant enough to threaten any aspect of the system?			
Could the issue affect the credibility and reputation of the blood operator?			

Summary

Provide a summary of Contextual Issues.



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ASSESSMENTS IN A CONCISE
HIGH LEVEL DOCUMENT**