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Dotted Magenta lines signify perf lines.

Face of Part 1 (no copy on back)

All measurements can vary +/- 1/16” (1.6mm);
Manufacturing equivalent substitutions allowed for demographic papers;
Glue lines are between the stubs of parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in between parts 5 and 6

VO perf
Stub length
7/16" (11.1mm)

Total Form Height
(all parts):
4 1/4” (108mm)

Information for Parent/Legal Guardian

Newborn bloodspot screening (heel-prick) helps identify babies who may be at high risk of having a rare but serious condition. Most babies who are screened will not have any of the conditions. But for the small number of babies who do, the benefits of screening are enormous.

Early treatment can improve health and prevent disability or early death. Unfortunately, there are limitations to screening. Not all cases are detected by newborn bloodspot screening.

You are asked to sign the newborn bloodspot screening card to confirm that:

- the information about your baby is correct, and
- you consent to the screening.

The newborn bloodspot screening card is sent for analysis to the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Laboratory at Children’s Health Ireland (CHI).

Depending on the screening result, your baby’s sample may need to be sent for a further test. This test is also to check for a condition included in the newborn bloodspot screening programme. This completes the screening process.

A public health nurse or midwife may contact you about taking a second blood sample. This may be because not enough blood was collected or because the result was not clear.

After screening, the blood sample may be used:

- for checking your baby’s results or for other tests that your doctor recommends – you will be asked for permission first
- for quality assurance purposes and to help improve the screening programme. In this event all samples will be completely anonymised. It will not be possible to trace any results back to an individual child.

If you would like a copy of the screening results, please ask your public health nurse.

You can find more information on the newborn bloodspot screening programme in the information leaflet for parents or by visiting www2.hse.ie/conditions/heel-prick-screening

The newborn bloodspot screening card and results are stored securely as part of your baby’s health record by the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Laboratory. The card will be stored securely for at least 10 years. After this time the card will be destroyed as part of current policy.

We strongly recommend that all babies have newborn bloodspot screening. If you do not want your baby screened, you should speak with your public health nurse or midwife. You will be asked to sign a different form.

Part 1: 20# White Bond;
Black, PMS 356 ink face only
8 3/8” (212.7mm)

Total Form Length:
8 3/8” (212.7mm)

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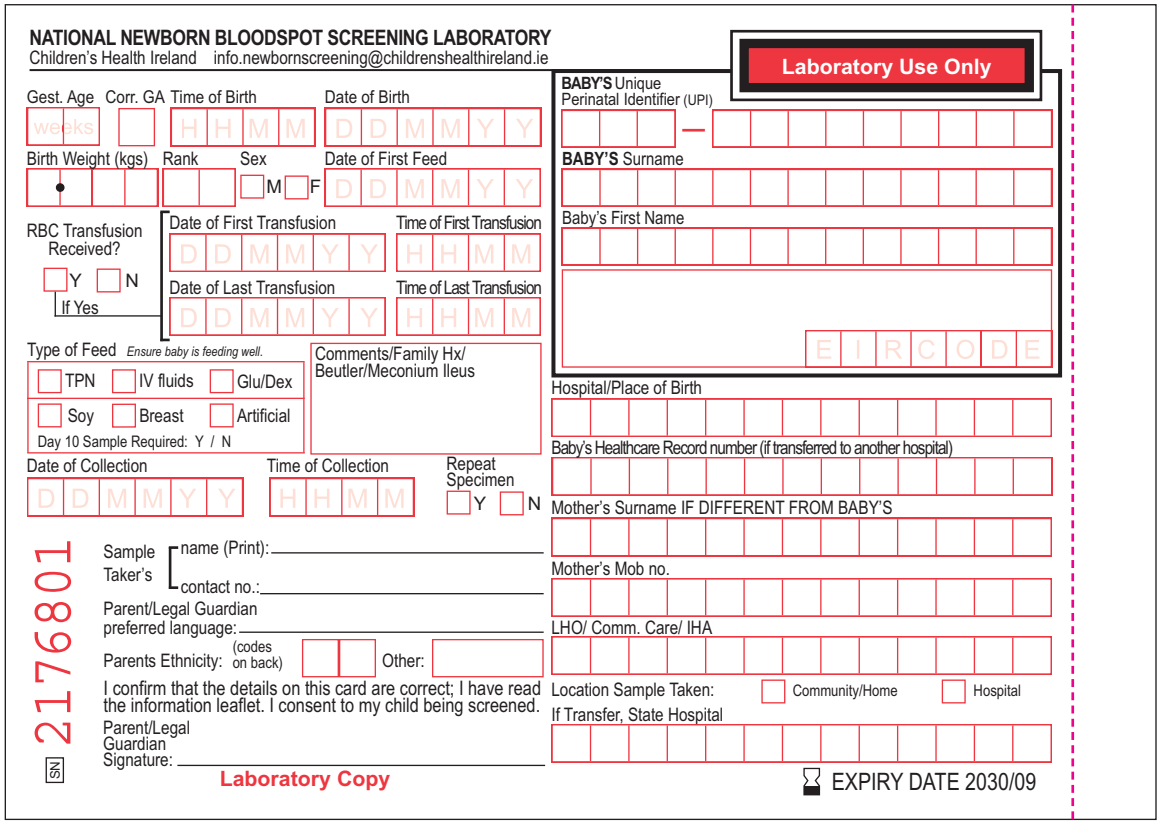
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Face of Part 2 (no copy on back)

All measurements can vary +/- 1/16” (1.6mm);
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Glue lines are between the stubs of parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in between parts 5 and 6

VO perf
Stub length
7/16" (11.1mm)

Total Form Height
(all parts):
4 1/4” (108mm)



Part 2: 16# White CB;
Black and Red 185 ink face only;
3/16” Red consecutive mechanical numbers;
screened letters and lines are 15% Red 185
6” (152.4mm)

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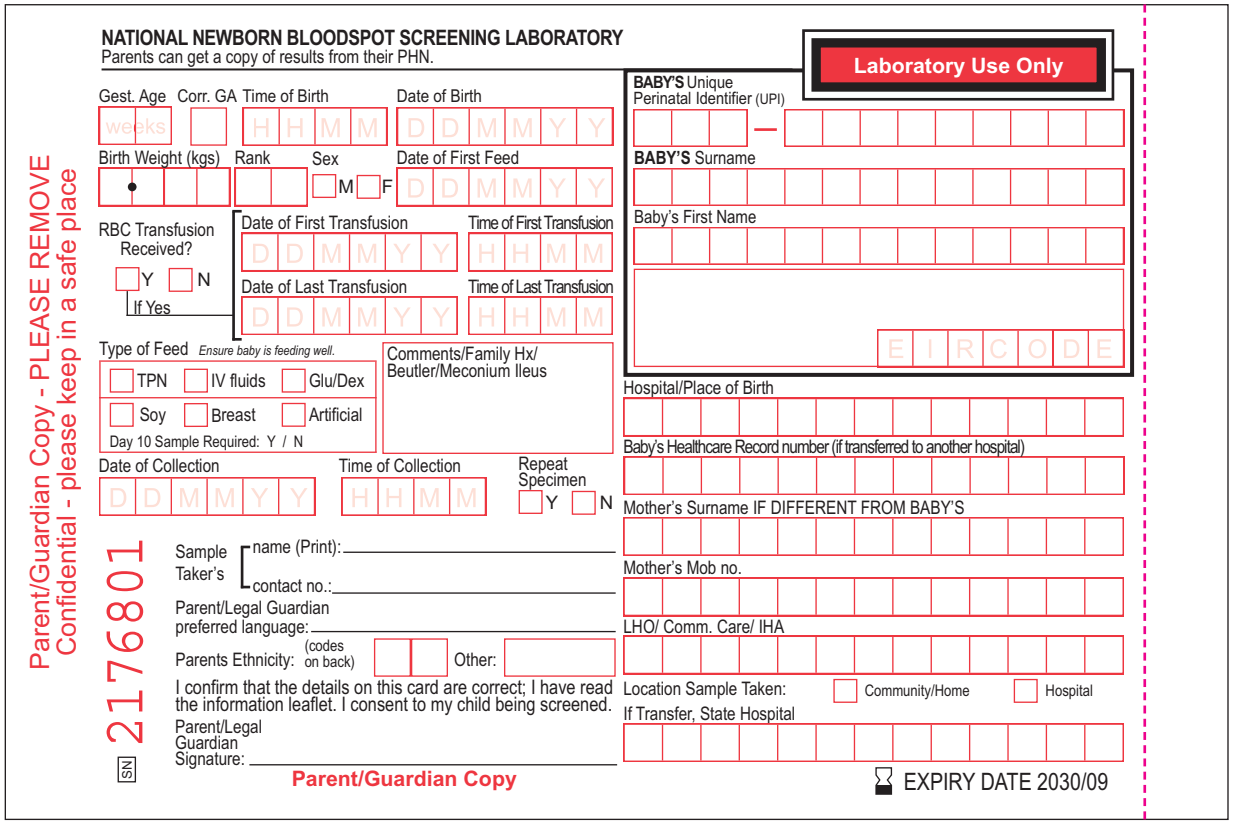
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Face of Part 3 (no copy on back)

All measurements can vary +/- 1/16" (1.6mm);
Manufacturing equivalent substitutions allowed for demographic papers;
Glue lines are between the stubs of parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in between parts 5 and 6

VO perf
Stub length
7/16" (11.1mm)

Total Form Height
(all parts):
4 1/4" (108mm)



Part 3: 14# White CFB;
Black and Red 185 ink face only;
3/16" Red consecutive mechanical numbers;
screened letters and lines are 15% Red 185
6 3/8" (161.9mm)

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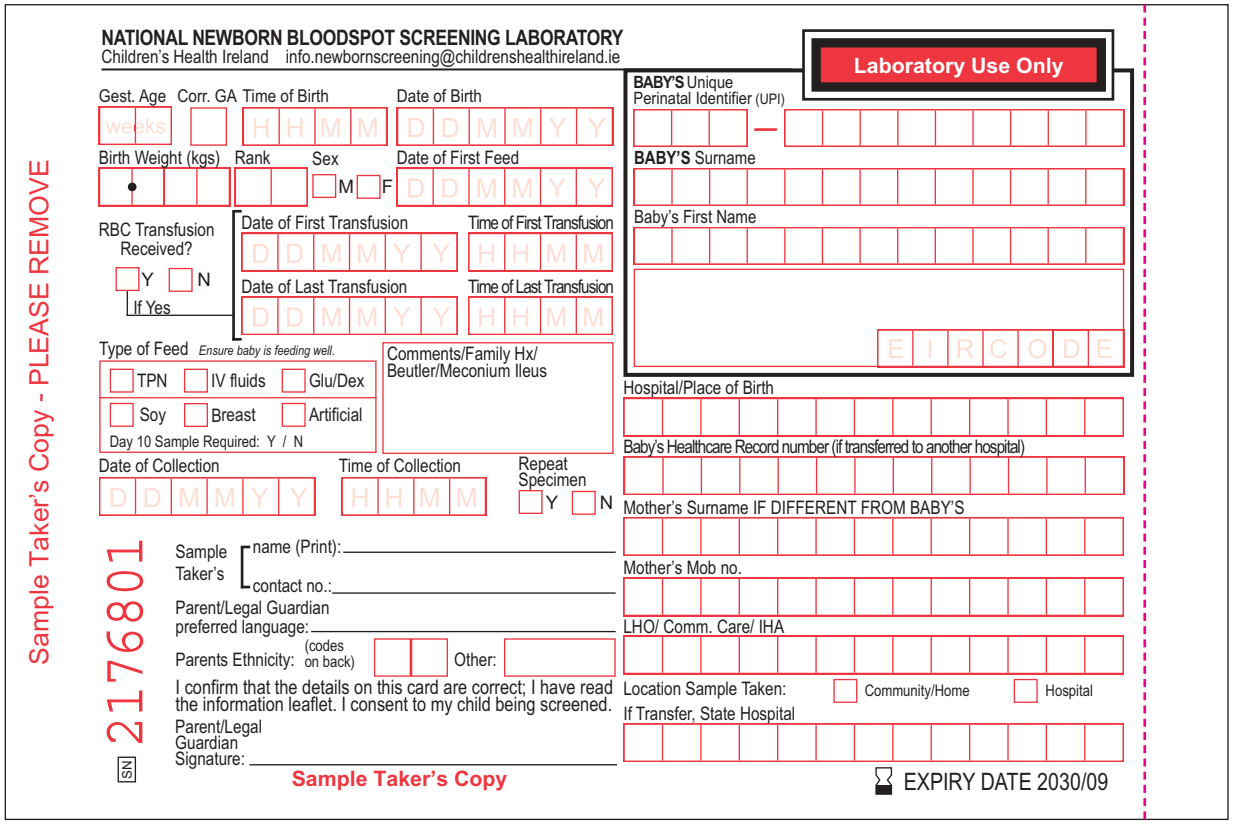
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Face of Part 4 (no copy on back)

All measurements can vary +/- 1/16” (1.6mm);
Manufacturing equivalent substitutions allowed for demographic papers;
Glue lines are between the stubs of parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in between parts 5 and 6

VO perf
Stub length
7/16" (11.1mm)

Total Form Height
(all parts):
4 1/4” (108mm)



Part 4: 14# White CFB;
Black and Red 185 ink face only;
3/16” Red consecutive mechanical numbers;
screened letters and lines are 15% Red 185
6 3/8” (161.9mm)

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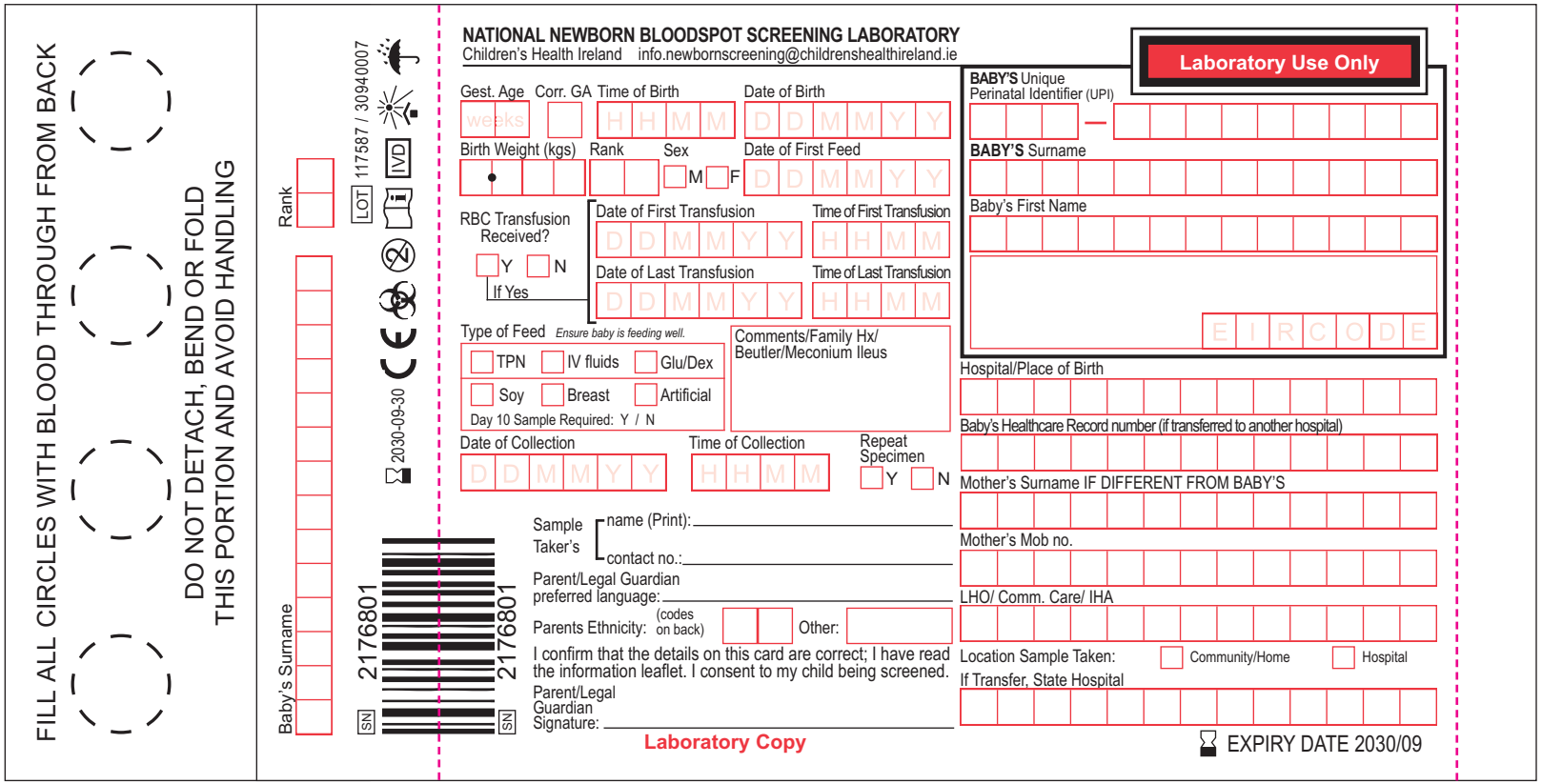
Face of Parts 5 & 6 (copy on back)

All measurements can vary +/- 1/16” (1.6mm);
Manufacturing equivalent substitutions allowed for demographic papers;
Glue lines are between the stubs of parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in between parts 5 and 6

Distance of HH perf from left edge of part 5 1" (25.4mm)

VO perf Stub length 7/16" (11.1mm)

Total Form Height (all parts): 4 1/4” (108mm)



Part 5: 33# White CF;
Black ink face and back, Red 185 ink face only;
(1) Code 128 barcode with 2 human readables face only;
(1) human readable laser number on back;
screened letters and lines are 15% Red 185
7” (177.8mm)

Bio-inert ink face & back;
13mm ID Circles
2” (50.8mm)

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Back of Parts 5 & 6 (copy on face)

All measurements can vary +/- 1/16” (1.6mm);
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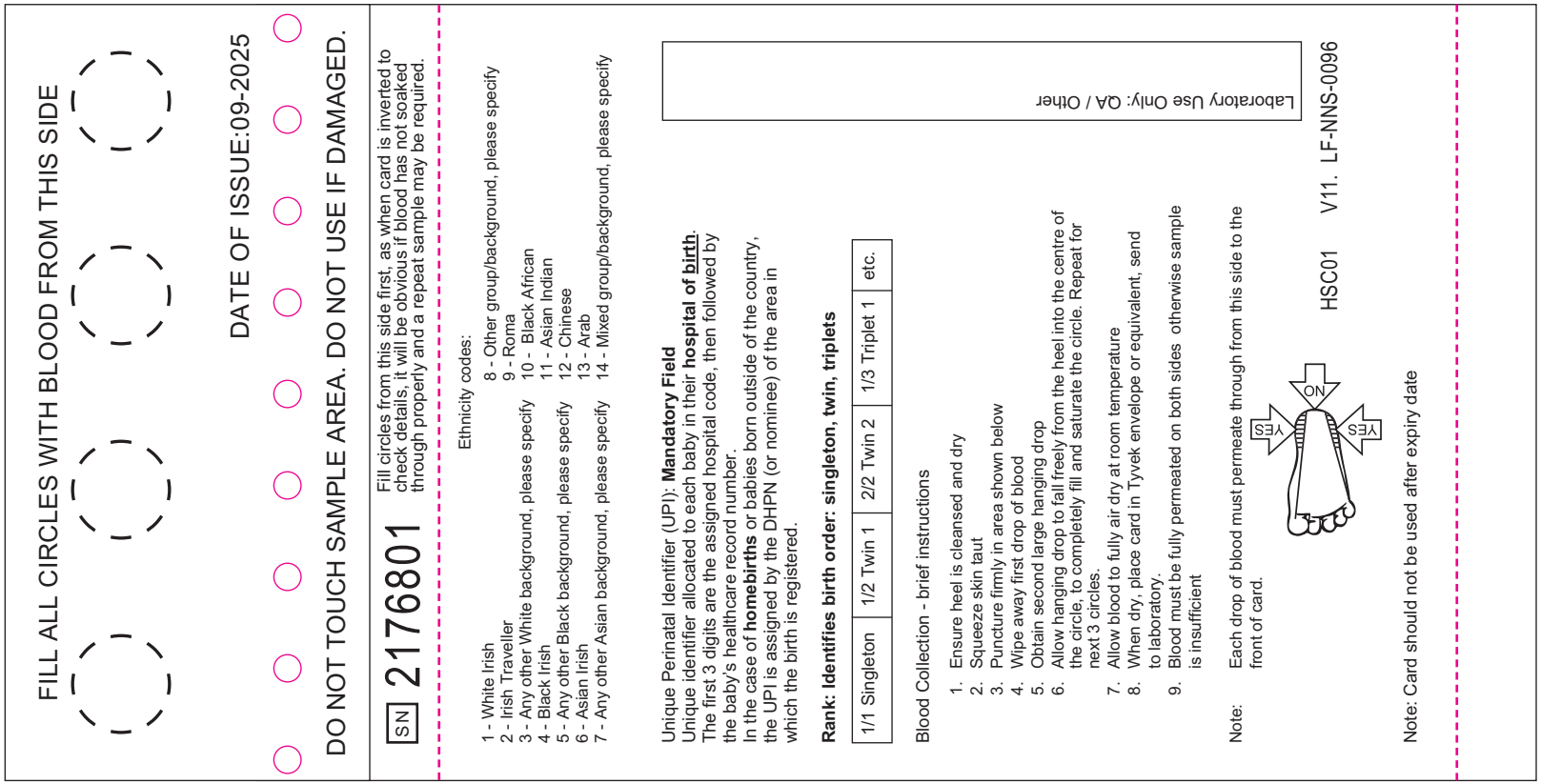
Dotted Magenta lines signify perf lines.

Magenta circles signify line holes.

Distance of HH perf from left edge of part 5
1" (25.4mm)

VO perf
Stub length
7/16" (11.1mm)

Total Form Height
(all parts):
4 1/4” (108mm)



Part 5: 33# White CF;
Black ink face and back, Red 185 ink face only;
(1) Code 128 barcode with 2 human readables face only;
(1) human readable number on back;
screened letters and lines are 15% Red 185
7” (177.8mm)

Bio-inert ink face & back;
13mm ID Circles
2” (50.8mm)