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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has rescinded its June 16 recommendations for malaria preventive medication (prophylaxis) for travel to Great Exuma, Bahamas, because no new malaria cases in travellers have been reported from the area since June 19, 2006. In an updated travellers' alert notice posted on its Web site, CDC says: "Travellers are advised to follow standard CDC health recommendations for travel to the Caribbean and no longer need to take an antimalarial drug when they visit the Bahamas."

Therefore the information given in Change Notification No. 14 - 2006 no longer applies.

## **Malaria – Great Exuma**

**Applies to the Travel Index of all Donor Selection Guidelines.**

Malaria Risk. Changes in geographical risk in relation to the outbreak of Plasmodium falciparum malaria in Great Exuma.

Change from: **The Bahamas**

T. Cruzi risk ? **No**

Malaria risk ? **Yes. Confined to Great Exuma Island only.**

To: **The Bahamas**

T. Cruzi risk ? **No**

Malaria risk ? **No**

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