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## Change Notification UK National Blood Services No.3 - 2005

## **Please Note:**

Please communicate to your staff that we have been informed by the Standing Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Infection that the changes in malaria risk areas, introduced following the Tsunami, have been retracted.

## Change Notification UK National Blood Services No.1 - 2005 Malaria rules: For inclusion in the Donor Selection Guidelines Changes in geographical risk in relation to Tsunami 26/12/04 disaster zone. **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** 1. To add: the Andaman and Nicobar Islands with a cross reference to India 2. **Thailand** all year in rural, especially forested and hilly areas of whole country, no risk in cities Change from: and main tourist resorts e.g. Bangkok, Chiangmai, Pattaya, Phuket and Samui all year in rural, especially forested and hilly areas of whole country together with the area affected by the Indian Ocean earthquake/tsunami of 26/12/2004 i.e. the coastal margin and islands on the west coast including Phuket. No risk in cities and other main tourist resorts e.g. Bangkok, Chiangmai, Pattaya and Samui 3. Myanmar (Burma) Change from: March - December, whole country All year in the whole country 4 Sri Lanka all year in whole country except districts of Colombo, Kalutara and Nuwara Eliya Change from: all year in whole country except districts of Colombo, and Nuwara Eliya

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