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Chikungunya - Italy

Applies to the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI) and to all Donor Selection Guidelines.

Chikungunya (CHIKV) Risk. Changes in geographical risk in relation to an outbreak of chikungunya in Ravenna Province of North-eastern Italy.

Change GDRI entry.

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Further information

The position will be kept under active review and further advice issued as necessary. The DSG entries and the Position Statement for chikungunya have also been updated.

For those not familiar with the Ravenna Province the following link may be helpful: http://www.racine.ra.it/provincia/presentazione/en/territorio6dc5.html?lng=en

Maps are available under ‘Territory’ and can be expanded by clicking on the ➔ at the top right of the page.

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