

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Updates in the Geographical Disease Risk Index

This notification includes the following changes:

	BM-DSG Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell	CB-DSG Cord Blood	GDRI Geographical Disease Risk Index	TD-DSG Tissue - Deceased Donors	TL-DSG Tissue - Live Donors	WB-DSG Whole Blood & Components	Red Book Guidelines for the BTS in the UK
1. Cayman Islands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Turks and Caicos Islands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Egypt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Argentina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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6. Nigeria	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Equatorial Guinea	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Tanzania	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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1. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Cayman Islands

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	No
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes «Dengue Virus and» Zika Virus

2. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Turks and Caicos Islands

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	No
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus «, Dengue Virus» and Zika Virus

3. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Egypt

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	No
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	Yes all year whole country until Feb 1996 Yes Jun-Oct in El Faiyum region until May 2012
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	« Yes Dengue Virus » No

4. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Argentina

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	No
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	Yes Until February 1996: All year in rural areas March 1996 to September 2006: October to May, areas below 1200m only October 2006 to May 2019: All year in rural areas of Salta, Jujuy, Misiones and Corrientes
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	Yes
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes « Chikungunya Virus, » Dengue Virus, Yellow Fever and Zika Virus

5. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Guinea

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus «, Dengue Virus » and Yellow Fever
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes Ebola outbreak (whole country): December 2013 – June 2016 Ebola outbreak in N’Zérékoré Prefecture: February – June 2021

6. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Nigeria

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus, « Dengue Virus ,» Yellow Fever and Zika Virus
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes

7. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Equatorial Guinea

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus and Yellow Fever
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes Marburg Fever outbreak (whole country): «February to June 2023» Ongoing from February 2023

8. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Tanzania

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus, Dengue Virus and Yellow Fever
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes Marburg Fever outbreak in Kagera Region: «February to June 2023» Ongoing from February 2023