

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Removal of Malaria Risk in Georgia and Cape Verde

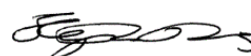
This notification includes the following changes:

	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
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2. Cape Verde	<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**

Georgia

(revised entry)

Malaria	«No» Yes June – October in the south-east of the country
Malaria Risk Category	C
Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk	No
Sub Saharan Africa	No
West Nile Virus Risk	No
Tropical Virus Risk	No

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

Cape Verde

(revised entry)

Malaria	«No» Yes There is a risk of malaria all year on the islands of Boa Vista and Santiago (Sao Tiago), including the capital city Praia. Visitors to other islands, including the Sal Islands, can be accepted.
Malaria Risk Category	B
Previous Malaria Risk	«Malaria testing required for donors who lived anywhere in the country until 31st December 1993. Malaria testing required for donors who lived on the Islands of Boa Vista or Santiago between 1st January 1994 and 31st December 2023. No malaria testing required for donors who only lived in the country from 1st January 2024 onwards.» All year in whole of country until end 1993 From 1994, all year in Boa Vista or Sao Tiago Island
Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk	No
Sub Saharan Africa	No
West Nile Virus Risk	No
Tropical Virus Risk	Yes Chikungunya «Virus», Dengue Virus and Zika Virus