

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Dengue Virus risks in the GDRI

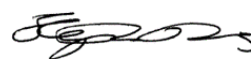
This notification includes the following changes:

	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. Guam	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Macau (S.A.R.)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Northern Mariana Islands	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Namibia	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Tuvalu	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. Multiple countries	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐



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Changes are indicated using the key below. This formatting will not appear in the final entry.

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

Guam

(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>	No «Yes Dengue Virus»

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

Macau (S.A.R.)

(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>	No «Yes Dengue Virus»

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

Northern Mariana 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>	No «Yes Dengue Virus»

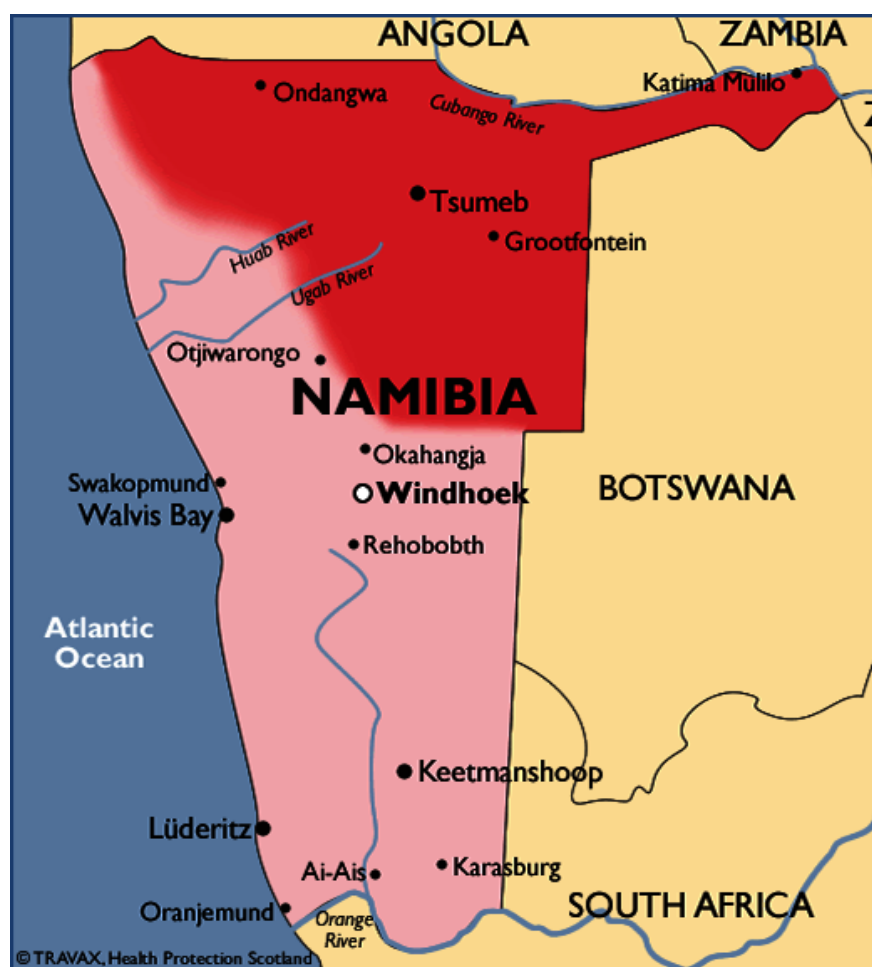
4. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Namibia

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in the area north of Windhoek except the narrow coastal strip.
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	B
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	Yes all year whole country until Feb 1996 Yes all year northern regions until May 2015
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	No «Yes Dengue Virus»

Malarial Map



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

Tuvalu

(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>	No «Yes Dengue Virus»

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

Dengue Virus has been added to the existing Tropical Virus Risk for the following countries:

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Bahamas (The)
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei Darussalam
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chile
- Comoros
- Congo (Democratic Republic of the)
- Congo (Republic of the)
- Curaçao
- Equatorial Guinea
- Former Netherland Antilles
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Micronesia (Federated States of)
- Montserrat
- Nauru
- Niue
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Sierra Leone
- Sint Maarten
- South Sudan
- Suriname
- Tokelau
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe