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### West Nile Virus (WNV)

Applies to the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI).

- Add index item for Palestine Occupied Territories linked to West Bank, Gaza Strip and Palestine Occupied Territories.
- Add Transjordan index item linked to Jordan, which is not currently an area of WNV infection.
- Change the GDRI entries for the following areas:

#### 1. Tunisia

Malaria	No
Trypanasoma Cruzi Risk	No
Sub Saharan Africa	No
West Nile Virus Risk	Yes

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Chikungunya Virus Risk	No
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## 2. West Bank and Gaza Strip

Replace the individual entries for West Bank and Gaza Strip with one entry:

### West Bank, Gaza Strip and Palestine Occupied Territories

**Malaria** No

**Trypanasoma Cruzi Risk** No

**Sub Saharan Africa** No

**West Nile Virus Risk** **Yes**

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**Chikungunya Virus Risk** No

## 3. Greece

**Malaria** No

**Trypanasoma Cruzi Risk** No

**Sub Saharan Africa** No

**West Nile Virus Risk** **Yes**

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**Chikungunya Virus Risk** No

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#### 4. Serbia

Malaria	No
Trypanasoma Cruzi Risk	No
Sub Saharan Africa	No
West Nile Virus Risk	Yes

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Chikungunya Virus Risk	No
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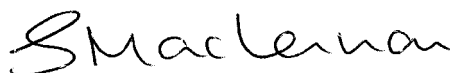
#### 5. Russia

Malaria	No
Trypanasoma Cruzi Risk	No
Sub Saharan Africa	No
West Nile Virus Risk	Yes


Donors who have visited the following regions of Russia between 1st May and the 30th November must have the WNV Donor Selection Guideline applied.


Adygeya republic, Lipetskaya, Novosibirskaya, Voronezhskaya, Volgogradskaya, Rostovskaya, Astrakhanskaya oblasts and the Tatarstan Republic. These oblasts are also known as the regions of Astrakhan, Rostov, Volgograd, Lipetsk, Novosibirsk and Voronezh these which are in the south west of the Russian Federation just north of the Black and Caspian seas.

Chikungunya Virus Risk	No
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