

## Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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### France and Italy

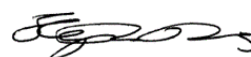
This notification includes the following changes:

|           | BM-DSG<br>Bone Marrow<br>& Peripheral<br>Blood Stem Cell | CB-DSG<br>Cord Blood  | GDRI<br>Geographical<br>Disease<br>Risk Index | TD-DSG<br>Tissue –<br>Deceased<br>Donors | TL-DSG<br>Tissue –<br>Live<br>Donors | WB-DSG<br>Whole Blood<br>& Components | Red Book<br>Guidelines for<br>the BTS in the UK |
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| 2. Italy  | <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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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**

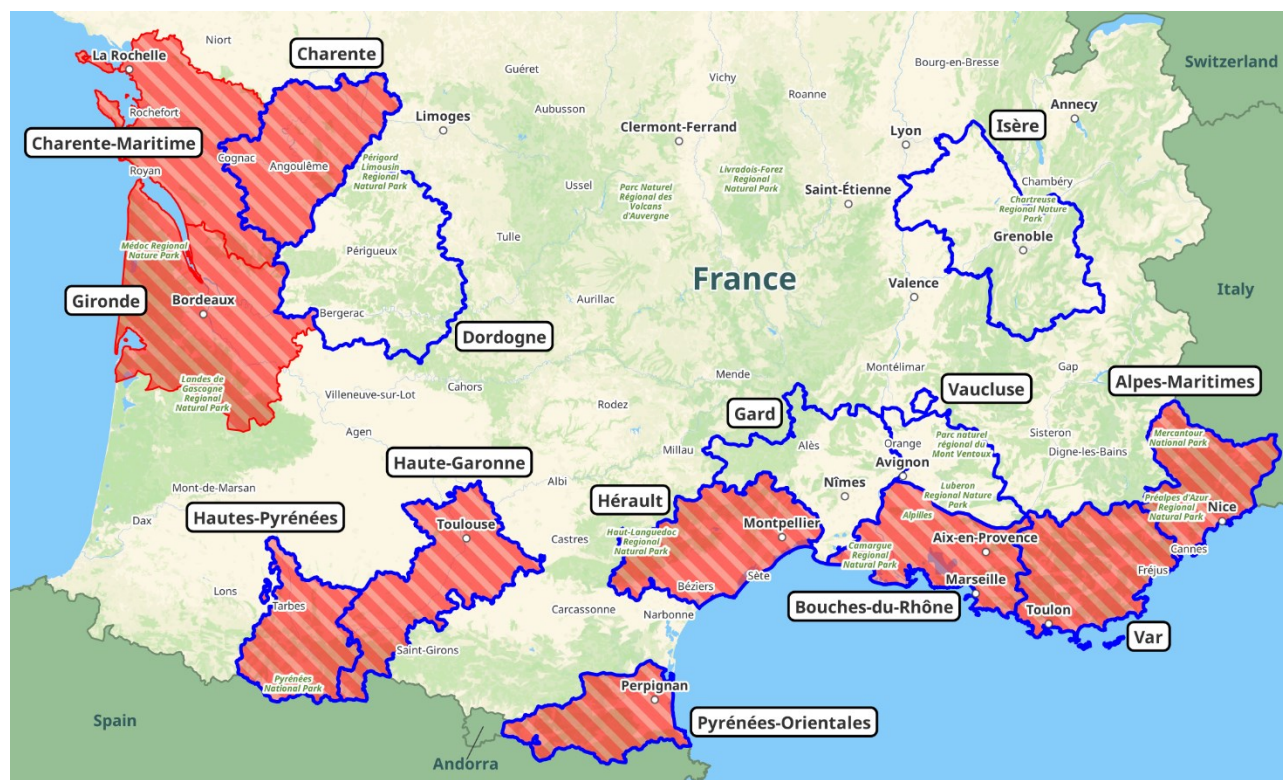
## France

(revised entry)

| <i>Malaria</i>                | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |
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| <i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i> | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |
| <i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>     | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |
| <i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>   | <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Donors who have visited the following departments (regions) of France, between 1st May and the 30th November, must have the WNV Donor Selection Guideline applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpes-Maritimes</li> <li>• Bouches-du-Rhône</li> <li>• Charente</li> <li>• Charente-Maritime</li> <li>• Gironde</li> <li>• Haute-Garonne</li> <li>• Hautes-Pyrénées</li> <li>• Hérault</li> <li>• Pyrénées-Orientales</li> <li>• Var</li> </ul> <p>These regions are shaded in red on the map.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |
| <i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>    | <p><b>Yes</b> <del>Dengue Virus</del></p> <p><del>All year in the departments (regions) of:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• Alpes-Maritimes</del></li> <li><del>• Bouches-du-Rhône</del></li> <li><del>• Gard</del></li> <li><del>• Haute-Garonne</del></li> <li><del>• Hautes-Pyrénées</del></li> <li><del>• Hérault</del></li> <li><del>• Pyrénées-Orientales</del></li> <li><del>• Var</del></li> <li>• <del>Vaucluse</del></li> </ul> <p>«There is a tropical virus risk in the departments (regions) shown in the table below.» These regions are outlined in blue on the map.</p> <p>«There is a tropical virus risk in <b>all</b> of Corsica (not shown on map).»</p> <table> <tr> <th>«Department affected</th><th>Virus</th></tr> <tr> <td>Alpes-Maritimes</td><td>Chikungunya, Dengue</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bouches-du-Rhône</td><td>Chikungunya, Dengue</td></tr> </table> | «Department affected | Virus | Alpes-Maritimes | Chikungunya, Dengue | Bouches-du-Rhône | Chikungunya, Dengue |
| «Department affected          | Virus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |
| Alpes-Maritimes               | Chikungunya, Dengue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |
| Bouches-du-Rhône              | Chikungunya, Dengue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                      |       |                 |                     |                  |                     |

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|-------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|             | Charente                                       | Chikungunya         |
|             | Dordogne                                       | Chikungunya         |
|             | Gard                                           | Chikungunya, Dengue |
|             | Haute-Garonne                                  | Chikungunya, Dengue |
|             | Hautes-Pyrénées                                | Dengue              |
|             | Hérault                                        | Chikungunya, Dengue |
|             | Isère                                          | Chikungunya         |
|             | Pyrénées-Orientales                            | Dengue              |
|             | Var                                            | Chikungunya, Dengue |
|             | Vaucluse                                       | Dengue              |
|             |                                                |                     |
|             | Corsica: Corse-du-Sud                          | Chikungunya         |
|             | Corsica: Haute-Corse                           | Chikungunya»        |
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The current map will be replaced by the following:



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

### Italy

(revised entry)

|                               |                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Malaria</i>                | No                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i> | No                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>     | No                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>   | <b>Yes</b><br>Donors who have visited between 1st May and 30th November must have the WNV Donor Selection Guideline applied.             |
| <i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>    | <del>No</del> <b>«Yes</b><br>Chikungunya Virus in the provinces of Modena and Verona.<br>These regions are outlined in blue on the map.» |
| <i>«Information</i>           | Map data ©MapTiler ©OpenStreetMap contributors»                                                                                          |

The following map will be added:

