

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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Removal of malaria risk in East Timor and Suriname

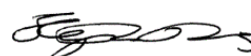
This notification includes the following changes:

	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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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**

East Timor

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	«No» Yes <i>All year in whole country</i>
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	A
«Previous Malaria Risk	Yes All year in whole country until July 2025»
<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 and Dengue Virus

The following redirection will be added to the A-Z index

Timor Leste » East Timor

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

Suriname

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	«No» Yes <i>All year in most of the country.</i> Visitors to the seven coastal districts and savannah areas and Paramaribo City only, accept.
<i>Malaria risk category</i>	B
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	«Yes Until Dec 2011: all year, whole country From Jan 2012 to Jul 2025: all year, whole country except the seven coastal districts and savannah areas, and Paramaribo City» Yes all year whole country until Dec 2011
<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 Virus and Zika Virus