

**Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services**

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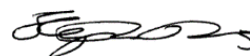
**Updates in the Geographical Disease Risk Index**

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
<b>Tropical Virus Risk</b>							
1. Italy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>West Nile Virus Risk</b>							
2. Armenia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Ukraine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</b>							
4. Rwanda	<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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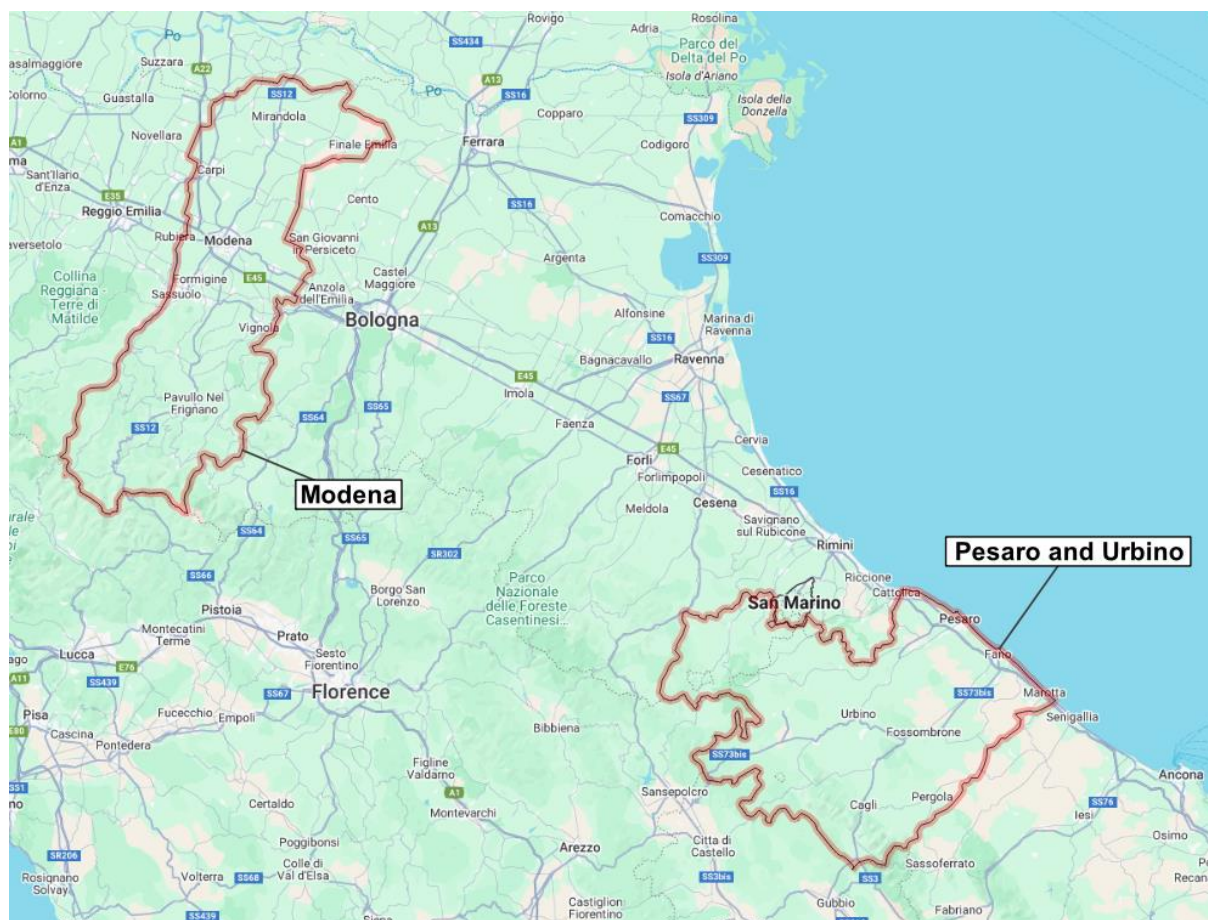
1. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

**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> Donors who have visited between 1st May and 30th November must have the WNV Donor Selection Guideline applied.
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	<b>Yes Dengue Virus</b> All year in the «provinces» <i>province</i> of «Modena and» Pesaro and Urbino
<i>Information</i>	Map date ©2024 Google

The entry's current map will be replaced with the following:



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

**Armenia**

**(revised entry)**

<i>Malaria</i>	No
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	Yes Jun-Oct Ararat Valley until Sept 2015
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	«Yes Donors who have visited between 1st May and 30th November must have the WNV Donor Selection Guideline applied. <del>No</del>
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	No

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

**Ukraine**

**(revised entry)**

<i>Malaria</i>	No
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	No
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	«Yes Donors who have visited between 1st May and 30th November must have the WNV Donor Selection Guideline applied. <del>No</del>
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	No

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

**Rwanda**

**(revised entry)**

<i>Malaria</i>	<b>Yes</b> All year in whole country
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	<b>A</b>
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	<b>Yes</b>
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	<b>Yes</b> Dengue Virus
<i>«Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	<b>Yes</b> Marburg Fever outbreak in whole country: ongoing from September 2024.»