

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

**Date of Issue:** 8 December 2025                      **Implementation:** to be determined by each Service

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## Viral Haemorrhagic Fever risk in Ethiopia

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. Ethiopia	○	○	●	○	○	○	○



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

**Ethiopia**

**(revised entry)**

<i>Malaria</i>	<b>Yes</b> All year in whole country. Visitors to city of Addis Ababa only, accept
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	<b>B</b>
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	Yes all year whole country until Sept 2006
<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> Chikungunya Virus, Dengue Virus and Yellow Fever
<i>«Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	<b>Yes</b> Marburg fever outbreak in Jinka Town, South Ethiopia Regional State: ongoing from November 2025»