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Implementation: To be determined by each Service

## **Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 14 - 2020**

# **Coronavirus Risk & Airport Stopovers**

This change applies to the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI)

## **A-Z listing**

Please remove the Coronavirus Risk entries for the countries listed below:

<b>Cambodia</b>
<b>Iran</b>
<b>Italy</b>
<b>Laos</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>
<b>Vietnam</b>
<b>China</b>
<b>Hong Kong (S.A.R.)</b>
<b>Japan</b>
<b>Macau (S.A.R.)</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>
<b>Singapore</b>
<b>South Korea (Republic of)</b>
<b>Taiwan</b>
<b>Thailand</b>

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## Preliminaries - Malaria

Please make the following changes to the entry:

### Airport Stopovers

The definition of an Airport Stopover, as approved by The Standing Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Infections, is:

**A transit through an airport during which the traveller has not left the airport.**

When the donor's visit has consisted **only** of an airport stopover there is no need to refer to the Geographical Disease Risk Index.

~~When the donor's visit has consisted only of an airport stopover:~~

- ~~• Coronavirus risk for the location of the airport must be applied~~
- ~~• There is no need to apply other risks identified in the Geographical Disease Risk Index~~

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