

Countries of Europe Information Sheet

Definition of Europe

For the purposes of evaluating travel to variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (vCJD) risk areas, the countries listed below are considered to be in Europe.

vCJD Countries of Risk – Europe

Total cumulative time spent in the European Countries listed below of 5 years or more (since 1980) indefinitely defers a donor from community blood donation.

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| ▪ Albania | ▪ Ireland (Republic of Ireland) | ▪ Poland |
| ▪ Andorra | ▪ Isla de Alboran (Spain) | ▪ Portugal |
| ▪ Austria | ▪ Islas Chafarinas (Spain) | ▪ Reunion (France) |
| ▪ Azores (Portugal) | ▪ Italy | ▪ Romania |
| ▪ Belgium | ▪ Kosovo | ▪ San Marino |
| ▪ Bosnia-Herzegovina | ▪ Liechtenstein | ▪ Serbia |
| ▪ Bulgaria | ▪ Luxembourg | ▪ Slovak Republic (Slovakia) |
| ▪ Canary Islands (Spain) | ▪ Macedonia | ▪ Slovenia |
| ▪ Ceuta (Spain) | ▪ Martinique (France) | ▪ Spain |
| ▪ Croatia | ▪ Mayotte (France) | ▪ Spanish North African Territories |
| ▪ Czech Republic | ▪ Melilla (Spain) | ▪ Sweden |
| ▪ Denmark | ▪ Monaco | ▪ Switzerland |
| ▪ Finland | ▪ Montenegro | ▪ Turkey (only if associated with a military base) |
| ▪ France | ▪ Netherlands | ▪ United Kingdom (see below) |
| ▪ French Guiana (France) | ▪ Norway | ▪ Vatican City |
| ▪ Germany | ▪ Penon de Alhucemas (Spain) | ▪ Yugoslavia (or the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) |
| ▪ Greece | ▪ Penon de Velez de la Gomera (Spain) | |
| ▪ Guadeloupe (France) | | |
| ▪ Hungary | | |

vCJD Countries of Risk – United Kingdom

Total cumulative time spent in the United Kingdom (see list below) adding up to 3 months or more from 1980 to 1996 indefinitely defers a donor from community blood donation.

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| ▪ Channel Islands | ▪ Gibraltar | ▪ Scotland |
| ▪ England | ▪ Isle of Man | ▪ Wales |
| ▪ Falkland Islands | ▪ Northern Ireland* | |

***NOTE: Northern Ireland is considered part of the United Kingdom.**

vCJD Countries of Risk – United Kingdom

Members of the U.S. military, civilian military employees or dependents of a member of the U.S. military **who spent a total of 6 months or more on a military base in any of the following countries during the specific timeframes below** are indefinitely deferred from giving blood for patient transfusion because of the risk of vCJD transmission:

From 1980 through 1990:

- Belgium
- Netherlands
- Germany

From 1980 through 1996:

- Spain
- Portugal
- Turkey
- Italy
- Greece