Countries of Risk for variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD)

United Kingdom (U.K.):

Qualification of vCJD risk:
If donor spent a total of 3 months or more in the U.K. from 1/1/1980 through 12/31/1996.
OR
If donor received a transfusion in the U.K. any time since 1/1/1980.

The United Kingdom includes the following locations:

- Alderny Island
- Britain
- British Isles
- Channel Islands
- England
- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar
- Great Britain
- Guernsey Island
- Hebrides Islands
- Herm Island
- Ireland (Northern)
- Islas Malvinas (Falkland Islands)
- Isle of Man
- Jersey Island
- Northern Ireland
- Orkney Islands
- Sark Island
- Scotland
- Shetland Islands
- Wales

France & Ireland:

Qualification of vCJD risk:
If donor spent a total of 5 years or more in France or Ireland from 1/1/1980 through 12/31/2001.
OR
If donor received a transfusion in France or Ireland any time since 1/1/1980.

France includes the island of Corsica.
France does not include the overseas departments of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, and Reunion.

Ireland (the Republic of Ireland) does not include Northern Ireland, which is part of the U.K.

No longer deferred as per the 2020 FDA Guidance changes:
- Donors who have spent 5 years or more in Europe from 1980-present.
- Donors who lived in any U.S. Military bases in Northern Europe (Germany, U.K., Belgium, and the Netherlands) for 6 months or more from 1980 through 1990
- Donors who lived in any U.S. Military bases elsewhere in Europe (Greece, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, and Italy) for 6 months or more from 1980 through 1996.