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Senedd Cymru
Cardiff Bay
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8 June 2020

Dear Llywydd,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (as inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to the Government of Wales Act 2006), I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument will come into force less than 21 days from the date of laying. The Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Regulations is attached for your information.

In order to prevent the spread of infection or contamination from coronavirus or coronavirus disease, the Regulations impose requirements on travellers arriving into Wales from outside the common travel area (i.e. the open borders area comprising the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland).

The Regulations place a duty on relevant travellers to (i) provide prescribed information, including contact details and travel information; and (ii) isolate for a period of 14 days.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention allows the Regulations to come into force on 8 June 2020 and, in view of the circumstances surrounding this disease, the reduced period is considered necessary and justifiable in this case. Equivalent Regulations are being introduced within the same timeframe imposing the same requirements in relation to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland as part of a 4 nations approach to avoiding the spread of infection or contamination from coronavirus or coronavirus disease in the UK via any imported infections via travellers.

This instrument will come into force before it can be laid in the Senedd. This is necessary to enable the restrictions to be in place across the UK at the same time to provide clarity and simplicity for the public. As Table Office is not open over the weekend, the first opportunity to lay the instrument following its registration arises after it come into force.

Due to the immediacy of the Regulations, they have not been subject to consultation, however, the Welsh Government has been in regular contact with the UK Government and the other Devolved Administrations in connection with the development and introduction of the Regulations.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and this has been laid, together with the Regulations, in Table Office.

I am copying this letter to Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Evans AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd
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