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Dear Llywydd,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020

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

The Regulations impose requirements on operators of commercial transport services for passengers travelling to Wales by sea or air, where those passengers are travelling from outside of 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).

Operators are required to ensure all passengers are provided with information about coronavirus and the related requirements that apply to them (such as the requirement to self-isolate when coming to Wales from outside the Common Travel Area), as well as information on public health guidance. This information must be provided to passengers before they book their travel, when they check in and during their journey on board the vessel or aircraft.

The aim is to allow those wishing to travel to Wales to make an informed choice about whether to complete their journey and increase public awareness of, and thereby compliance with, the public health measures in Wales to be taken to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

It is important that Cardiff Airport is ready to accept flights from outside the Common Travel Area alongside the rest of the aviation industry in the UK, to help maintain its market position. Work on a joint policy for international travel has been led by the UK Government, in collaboration with the Devolved Governments, to develop a unified UK approach. This approach has involved the governments of all 4 nations agreeing to introduce an equivalent to these Regulations. England and Scotland's Regulations came into force on the 8 June, as did Northern Ireland's Statutory Rules.

These Regulations make minor amendments to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020, which for reasons of legal clarity need to come into force immediately. The remaining provisions will come into force after the instrument has been laid. Not adhering to the 21 day convention in this respect allows the Regulations to come into force on 17 June 2020 and, in view of the potential resumption of flights and to ensure continuity of the unified approach and consistency with the rest of the UK, the reduced period is considered necessary and justifiable in this case.

Due to the urgency of these Regulations, they have not been subject to consultation, although the Welsh Government has been in regular contact with the UK Government and the other Devolved Administrations, as well as with Cardiff Airport.

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

I am copying this letter to Mick Antoniw MS, 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.

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