Dear Llywydd,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020

In accordance with sections 4(1) and 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 came into force before it was laid. The Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Regulations is attached for your information.

It has been necessary to urgently remove Spain from the list of exempted countries and territories that are set out in the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 following advice which indicates the risk to public health of inbound travel from Spain has risen.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention, and bringing them into force before they were laid, allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity, and in view of the changing evidence on risk in relation to this disease this is considered necessary and justifiable in this case.

Due to the immediacy of the Regulations they have not been subject to consultation.

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,

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