



**WRITTEN STATEMENT**  
**BY**  
**THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Amendments**  
**DATE**            **20 August 2020**  
**BY**                **Vaughan Gething, Minister for Health and Social Services**

Members will be aware that the UK Government made provision to ensure that travellers entering the United Kingdom from overseas must self-isolate for 14 days, to prevent the further spread of coronavirus. These restrictions came into force on Monday 8 June 2020.

On 10 July the Welsh Government amended the Regulations to introduce exemptions from the isolation requirement for a list of countries and territories, and a limited range of people in specialised sectors or employment who may be exempted from the isolation requirement or excepted from certain provisions of the passenger information requirements.

Since then these regulations have been kept under review and a number of changes to the list of exempt countries and territories have been made.

I have today met with Ministers from across the 4 national governments in the UK to discuss the potential change to the International Travel Regulations. As a result of that meeting, it was decided to add Portugal and remove Austria, Croatia and Trinidad and Tobago from the list of exempt countries and territories. I will tomorrow lay the necessary regulations which will come into force at 04:00 on Saturday, 22 August.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.