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Dear Llywydd,

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2020**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument will come into force less than 21 days after it has been laid. The Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Regulations is attached for your information.

The Regulations made today further amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 to remove Curaçao, Denmark, Iceland and Slovakia from the list of exempt countries and territories. The Regulations make these changes due to the identified changes in risk to public health posed by arrivals from those countries and territories.

The Regulations also provide exceptions to the isolation requirement for elite sportspeople travelling to the United Kingdom for medical examinations (as well as any persons accompanying them to provide necessary assistance) and for new signings to play in competitions. Additionally, the Regulations provide new exemptions for elite athletes, coaches and other support persons upon their return to Wales when having been in a non-exempt country for the purpose of an elite training programme. A number of sporting events have been added to Schedule 4.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention 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.

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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.

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.

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd  
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