

Government Response: *The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 20) Regulations 2020*

Technical Scrutiny point 1:

The Welsh Government accepts the technical scrutiny point raised and confirms that regulation 9(2)(b) has been amended by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 21) Regulations 2020, laid on 27 November 2020, to include paragraph 39 of Schedule 2.

Merit Scrutiny point 5:

The Welsh Government confirms that paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the International Travel Regulations has been amended by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 21) Regulations 2020, laid on 27 November 2020, to specify that the Welsh Ministers may also designate work as “essential government work” for the purposes of the exemption to the requirement to isolate contained in that paragraph.

Merit Scrutiny point 6:

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the International Travel Regulations, which was substituted by regulation 6(2) of these Regulation, broadens the exemption to apply not only to Crown servants and government contractors, but to “any person” certified as meeting the descriptions in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c).

Sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) now refer to “essential state business”, thereby encompassing a wider range of work whereas the previous provision was limited to those “undertaking bilateral or multilateral discussions”.

The wording of paragraph 13(1)(c) is drafted more widely to also include others, whose return to the UK is necessary to facilitate the functioning of the various official postings. This may include dependants.