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Dear Llywydd,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 22) 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 and the Republic of Namibia, Uruguay and the US Virgin Islands will be removed 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 these countries and territories.

The Regulations also clarify the position in relation to a person entering Wales who has been released from isolation in England under the 'Test to Release' system to enable any person with a negative result under that system to be permitted entry to Wales in limited circumstances.

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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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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 as Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, 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 script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping underline.

Rebecca Evans AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd