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Dear Llywydd

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

In accordance with sections 4(1) and 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, I am notifying you that this statutory instrument has not adhered to the 21 day convention and will come into force before it can be laid. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum on Monday, 18 January 2021.

It has been necessary to urgently remove the all of the currently listed countries and territories from which travellers to Wales were exempt from the quarantine requirements, together with a number of sectoral exemptions and exceptions from the requirement to isolate, as set out in the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020, to minimise the risk to public health from variant strains of the coronavirus.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention, and bringing them into force before they are laid, allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity and continue the four nation approach to international travel; 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 the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, Mick Antoniw AM, 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.

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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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services