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Elin Jones, MS Llywydd Senedd Cymru

22 January 2021

Dear Llywydd,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

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 amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020, the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020; and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity. This was necessary in view of the need to act swiftly and on a four nations basis in order to support the further safeguards that have been introduced in the effort to prevent danger to public health from persons travelling to Wales from outside the common travel area.

Due to the immediacy of the Regulations they have not been subject to consultation.

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,

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