



Ein cyf/Our ref: MA/VG/1321/21

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Welsh Parliament
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Dear Elin,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) 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.

This statutory instrument amends the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

From 15 February the Welsh Government introduced a ban on travellers arriving into Wales if they had been in a “red list country” in the previous 10 days. They must arrive at one of the designated ports of entry in England (or Scotland) and remain there in managed isolation for 10 days before travelling on to Wales. In addition, for arrivals from “amber list countries” exemption from isolation was made more restrictive so that isolation for 10 days is required but a person may leave isolation for a limited period for work purposes.

These Regulations remove Portugal and Mauritius from the red list, but add Oman, Qatar, Ethiopia and Somalia. These Regulations also amend the list of reasons to leave isolation for those who arrived from an amber list country; increase the isolation requirements for arrivals from red list countries; and amend enforcement provisions for immigration officers and police in respect of people who have been in red list countries.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention 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.

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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 the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, Mick Antoniw MS, 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 "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