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Dear Elin,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) 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. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Regulations are 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 generally required but a person may leave isolation for a limited period for work purposes.

These Regulations add Maldives, Nepal and Turkey to the "red list" of 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.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, 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.

Yours sincerely,

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