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Dear Elin

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (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 at 4.00 am on 8 August 2021, with the exception of technical changes to specifications for post-arrival tests which will come into force on 23 August 2021, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

This statutory instrument amends the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The changes made by today's Regulations will at 4.00am on 8 August:

- Add **Georgia, Mayotte, Mexico and Reunion** to the "red list" of countries and territories;
- Remove **Bahrain, India, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates** from the "red list" of countries and territories and add them to the "amber list" of countries and territories;
- Remove **Austria, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia** from the "amber list" and add them to the "green list" of countries and territories;
- Permit people who have been in, or travelled through, **Metropolitan France** (mainland France including the island of Corsica) to be exempt from Day 8 PCR test and isolation requirements for people who are fully vaccinated in UK / EU / USA vaccination programmes; children under the age of 18; and people who have taken part in vaccination trials;

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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.

- add the R&A Curtis Cup to the list of specified events subject to a bespoke testing regime

On the 23 August 2021 the amendment will:

- Change the technical specifications for post-arrival tests.

These Regulations also make a consequential amendment to regulation 5C of the Operator Liability Regulations in light of the amendment to regulation 2A of the International Travel Regulations to extend the exemptions in regulation 2A to persons travelling from Metropolitan France. This amendment will also come into force at 4.00am on 8 August. Such urgency of coming into force for the changes to the red, amber and green travel lists is necessary to continue the four nation approach to international travel because the law in Wales will apply to travellers regardless of their port of entry. In view of the changing evidence on risk in relation to this disease especially for those countries where the situation has worsened and they have moved to the "red list" this is considered necessary and justifiable in this case.

The changes in respect of the technical specification of the post-arrival tests also come into force less than 21 days after the Regulations have been laid. This change is being introduced from 23 August which maintains the current four nations approach to international travel and allows for a lead-in period required before implementation by the testing laboratories.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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