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Dear Elin

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) 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 2 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:

- remove the requirements to self-isolate and undertake a day 8 PCR test for fully vaccinated travellers coming to Wales from any of the EU27, EFTA countries (Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein) and the European microstate countries (Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican City); or the United States of America;
- provide that for a person to evidence fully vaccinated status they must present for the EU the EU Digital COVID Certificate; or for the USA present a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccination card to evidence this;
- place duties on operators of international passenger services to check evidence of eligibility where they are claiming exemptions from the travel requirements.

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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.

Such urgency of coming into force 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 this is considered necessary and justifiable in this case.

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'.

Eluned Morgan AS/MS

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