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Dear Elin

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Public Health Information to Travellers) (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 04:00 a.m. on 4 October 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 (“the International Travel Regulations”), the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (“the Operator Liability Regulations”) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020 (“the Public Health Information Regulations”).

These Regulations amend the International Travel Regulations by making the following changes:

- Merging the amber and green lists of countries and territories;
- Removing the requirement for a pre-departure test for fully vaccinated individuals travelling from non-red list countries;
- Amending the definition of ‘fully vaccinated’ Regulation 2A travellers so that:
 - mixed doses and vaccination taken under certain different programmes are recognised,
 - the following countries are added to the list of countries with recognised vaccination certification: Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados,

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Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Dominica, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- Adding a requirement for private diagnostic laboratories to send samples for genomic sequencing within 24 hours of processing a sample;
- Adding three events to the list of specified sporting events;
- Making a number of minor consequential or technical changes.

These Regulations also make consequential amendments to the Operator Liability Regulations and the Public Health Information Regulations to reflect the changes to the restrictions on international travel made by these Regulations.

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 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