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Dear Elin

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2021

In accordance with sections 4(1) and 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument has not adhered to the 21 day convention and will come into force at 04:00 hours on Tuesday 6 December, before it can be laid. I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum tomorrow.

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

- Fully vaccinated travellers above a certain age arriving in Wales from outside the Common Travel Area must now take a pre-departure test (those travelling from red-list countries remain prohibited from travelling to Wales) unless they meet specific exemptions;
- The age threshold for application of the above requirement has changed from 11 to 12 years old;
- The time before departure at which a pre-departure test must be taken has been reduced to no more than 48 hours prior to departure.

In consequence of these changes, this statutory instrument also makes changes to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020.

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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.

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