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Dear Elin

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 5) 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 Wednesday 15 December, before it can be laid. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum on 15 December.

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

- Remove 11 countries from the red list;
- Make minor amendments to the Passenger Information Regulations.

The removal of all red list countries is made in response to community transmission of Omicron now being widespread in both the UK and non-red list countries. However, although now empty, the red list is maintained in the International Travel Regulations to facilitate a fast response to emerging variants.

Minor changes are made to Part 1 to the Passenger Information Regulations to ensure that these Regulations are consistent in the terminology used.

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.

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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.

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.

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