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Dear Elin

The Health Protection (Notification) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument has not adhered to the 21 day convention. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum once the Regulations have been registered.

This statutory instrument amends Schedule 1 (Notifiable Diseases and Syndromes) and Schedule 2 (Causative Agents) to the Health Protection (Notification) (Wales) Regulations 2010 to include monkeypox and monkeypox virus respectively. Officials consider that these amendments are appropriate given the risks to public health posed by the current outbreak of monkeypox in the UK.

Not adhering to the 21-day convention allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity in response to the current outbreak of monkeypox in the UK. It will oblige any medical practitioners to notify the proper officer of the relevant local authority of any suspected cases of monkeypox. In addition, diagnostic laboratories will be obliged to report if they identify monkeypox virus as a causative agent.

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

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