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Dear Llywydd,

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 21) Regulations 2020**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument will come into force less than 21 days after it has been laid. The Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Regulations is attached for your information.

The Regulations made today further amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and Estonia and Latvia will be removed from the list of exempt countries and territories. Aruba, Bhutan, Mongolia, Timor-Leste and the Pacific islands of Samoa, Kiribati, Micronesia, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands will be added to the list of exempt countries and territories. The Regulations make these changes due to the identified changes in risk to public health posed by arrivals from these countries.

The specific restrictions currently imposed on travellers from Denmark and members of their household will be lifted. The prohibition on the arrival of aircraft and vessels travelling directly from Denmark will also be lifted. Denmark will not, however, be included in the list of exempt countries and territories. Therefore, travellers from Denmark will continue to be required to isolate on arrival in Wales.

Additional events will also be added to the list of sporting events in Schedule 4 for which those involved are excepted from the isolation requirements for limited purposes connected with their participation.

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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.

The Regulations also make minor amendments relating to the sectoral exemptions within the main Regulations.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity, and in view of the changing evidence on risk in relation to this disease this is considered necessary and justifiable in this case.

Due to the immediacy of the Regulations they have not been subject to consultation.

I am copying this letter to Mick Antoniw MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping underline.

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd  
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