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Dear Elin

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions, International Travel, Notification and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that one part of this Statutory Instrument will come into force at 04:00 on 31 October 2021 and the remaining changes will come into force at 04:00 a.m. on 1 November 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 (Notification) (Wales) Regulations 2010 ("the Notification Regulations"); the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020 ("the Public Health Information Regulations") and the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the Restrictions Regulations").

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

- Amending the requirement for post-arrival tests to include lateral flow tests as well as PCR tests;
- Removing Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Peru and Venezuela from the red list;

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- Adding the following countries to the list of relevant countries with recognised vaccination certification:

Angola; Anguilla; Argentina; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Belize; Bermuda; Botswana; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Cambodia; Cayman Islands; Costa Rica; Djibouti; Eswatini; Falkland Islands; Gibraltar; Guernsey; Guyana; Honduras; Isle of Man; Jersey; Lebanon; Lesotho; Madagascar; Mauritius; Mongolia; Montserrat; Nepal; Occupied Palestinian Territories; Panama; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands; The Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus; Turks and Caicos Islands; Peru; Rwanda; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Sri Lanka; Suriname; Tanzania; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Uganda and Uruguay;

- Removing the requirement for seat numbers from the passenger information requirements.

These Regulations amend the Notification Regulations so as to require private test providers to notify PHW of the results of LFD tests provided under ITR.

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

These Regulations also amend the Restrictions Regulations, further extending the list of countries and territories, so that evidence of vaccination in those countries with vaccines authorised in the United Kingdom is also acceptable for the purposes of what is commonly known as the COVID-pass. The amendment is required to maintain consistency with the vaccine recognition amendments to the International Travel 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



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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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