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Dear Elin

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022

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 that some provisions will come into force before the instrument can be laid. The changes to pre-departure testing, post-arrival testing and isolation requirements, and the consequential amendments to the Public Health Information Regulations, will come into force from 04:00 hours on Friday 7 January; further changes to post-arrival tests will come into force from 04:00 hours on Sunday 9 January and the addition of 16 countries to the list of recognised vaccination programmes will come into force from 04:00 hours on Monday 10 January. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum tomorrow, Friday 7 January 2022.

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

- Remove the requirement for pre-departure tests for fully vaccinated travellers and all under 18s;
- Remove the requirement to isolate until a day 2 post arrival test negative result is received for fully vaccinated travellers and all under 18s;
- Amend the requirement for post-arrival tests to be either PCR or LFD and that anyone who tests positive on their lateral flow test must isolate and take a follow-up PCR test;
- Add 16 countries to the list of recognised vaccination programmes;

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- Exempt children under 5 from testing and isolation requirements;
- Make consequential amendments to the Public Health Information Regulations.

Consequential changes are made to the Public Health 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.

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