

## WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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BY The First Minister

Llywydd, at the request of the UK Government the Welsh Government has agreed to amend *The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020* to exempt travellers from a list of countries from the quarantine requirements put in place by the regulations. The original regulations were made on 5 June and came into force on 8 June; the amended regulations will come into force on 10 July. As a result of the amended regulations travellers arriving in Wales from countries listed below will no longer be required to isolate for a quarantine period.

The travel regulations require passengers arriving in Wales from outside of the Common Travel Area, or where they have been outside of the Common Travel Area in the past 14 days, to provide their contact details and travel information and to isolate themselves for a period of 14 days. The Regulations contain a number of exemptions for specified categories of people – such as air flight crew, for example. The amendments agreed now exempt travellers from the countries listed.

We are also taking the opportunity to amend the *Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020* to provide flexibility in how the public health statement delivered to passengers on-board aircraft may be delivered. We are harmonising this statement with that given on behalf of the other UK countries.

Llywydd, responsibility for managing UK borders rests with the UK Government. The Welsh Government has, throughout this process, aimed to be constructive in enabling the UK Government achieve its policy objective. The UK Government has shared its methodology with us and this has been reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Below is the list of exempt countries included in the Regulations.

Andorra
Antigua and Barbuda
Aruba

Australia

Austria

The Bahamas

Barbados

Belgium

Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba

Croatia

Curacao

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Dominica

Faroe Islands

Fiji

Finland

France

French Polynesia

Germany

Greece

Greenland

Grenada

Guadeloupe

Hong Kong

Hungary

Iceland

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

The Republic of Korea

La Reunion

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Macau

Malta

Mauritius

Monaco

Netherlands

New Caledonia

New Zealand

Norway

Poland

San Marino

Serbia

Seychelles

Spain

Saint Barthelemy

Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
Switzerland
Taiwan
Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey
Vatican City
Vietnam

## **United Kingdom Overseas Territories**

The Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus

Anguilla Bermuda

British Antarctic Territory

British Indian Ocean Territory

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Falkland Islands

Gibraltar

Montserrat

Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands

Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

Turks and Caicos Islands