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Coronavirus quarantine measures for travellers arriving in Wales from

Spain

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This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep Members informed of the latest developments on international travel and the coronavirus. Should Members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.

Earlier this afternoon I attended a meeting of Ministers from all 4 UK countries to consider the public health risk posed by an increasing prevalence of COVID-19 in parts of Spain.

The Ministerial Group agreed today to remove all of Spain, including its islands, from the list of countries exempt from our health measures at the border with implementation to take effect at the beginning of Sunday, 26 July 2020.

I have therefore made an urgent amendment to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020, meaning anyone who arrives from Spain (or who has been in Spain during the past 14 days) will be required to quarantine for 14 days as of tomorrow.

Similar action has been taken by Ministers in Northern Ireland, Scotland and England.