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Dear Elin,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Notification) (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument will come into force on 21 September 2021 (save for the red list changes which will take effect from 4am on 22 September 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, so as to:

- remove **Kenya, Oman, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Egypt** from the “red list”;
- allow the use of private testing providers for provision of post arrival testing kits for travellers arriving from overseas.

These Regulations also amend the Health Protection (Notification) (Wales) Regulations 2010 so as to impose requirements on diagnostic laboratories and test providers to notify Public Health Wales of the results of covid-19 or influenza tests and to report additional information when covid-19 tests are processed for the purposes of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

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.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Private testing provision is now deemed to be appropriate given the UK Government's new regulatory performance measures, which are coming into force on 21 September. In line with the announcement made to bring these changes into effect in Wales at the earliest opportunity, Welsh Government is aligning with the 21 September coming into force date.

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