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Elin Jones, MS Llywydd Senedd Cymru Cardiff Bay CF99 1SN

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Dear Llywydd,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations 2020

In accordance with sections 4(1) and 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument came into force before it was laid. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum once the statutory instrument has been registered.

The Regulations made today further amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 to remove the following countries and territories from the list of exempt countries and territories:

- Gibraltar
- French Polynesia
- Portugal (with the exception of the Azores and Madeira), and
- the following Greek islands: Mykanos, Zakynthos, Lesvos, Paros and Antiparos and Crete

The Regulations make these changes due to the identified changes in risk to public health posed by arrivals from those countries and islands.

The Regulations also make a further amendment in respect of the insertion of an additional sporting event into Schedule 4.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention and bringing them into force before they were laid allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity, and 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.

Due to the immediacy of the Regulations they have not been subject to consultation.

I am copying this letter to Mick Antoniw MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

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