

# SL(5)608 – The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2020

## Background and Purpose

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (the “International Travel Regulations”). The International Travel Regulations impose requirements on persons entering Wales after having been abroad. They include a requirement for persons arriving in Wales to isolate for a period determined in accordance with the Regulations. The requirements imposed by the International Travel Regulations are subject to exceptions, and certain categories of person are exempt from having to comply.

Persons entering Wales after being in one or more of the countries and territories listed in Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations (“exempt countries and territories”) are not required to isolate. These Regulations amend the list of exempt countries and territories to remove the Greek territories of Santorini, Serifos and Tinos from the list, and make an amendment correcting the spelling of Mykonos. The Regulations also add further events to the list of sporting events in Schedule 4 for which those involved are either exempted or excepted from isolation requirements.

## Procedure

Negative

## Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

## Merits Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

### **1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) - that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd**

We note the breach of the 21-day rule (i.e. the rule that 21 days should pass between the date a “made negative” instrument is laid before the Senedd and the date the instrument comes into force), and the following explanation for the breach provided by Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, in a letter to the Llywydd dated 8 September 2020:



*Not adhering to the 21 day convention 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.*

## **Implications arising from exiting the European Union**

None.

## **Welsh Government response**

A Welsh Government response is not required.

### **Legal Advisers**

**Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**

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