



WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Amendments**

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Members will be aware that the UK Government made provision to ensure that travellers entering the United Kingdom from overseas must self-isolate for 14 days, to prevent the further spread of coronavirus. These restrictions came into force on Monday 8 June 2020.

On 10 July the Welsh Government amended the Regulations to introduce exemptions from the isolation requirement for a list of countries and territories, and a limited range of people in specialised sectors or employment who may be exempted from the isolation requirement or excepted from certain provisions of the passenger information requirements.

Since then these regulations have been kept under review and a number of changes to the list of exempt countries and territories have been made.

Yesterday I reviewed the latest JBC assessments and I have decided that the Greek islands of Santorini, Serifos and Tinos will be removed from the list of exempt countries and territories. Today I will lay the necessary regulations which will come into force at 04:00 on Wednesday 9 September.

An amendment is also being made to the International Travel Regulations to add further sporting events to the list in Schedule 4 for which those involved are either exempted or excepted from isolation requirements.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. 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.