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Spencer Birns

12 October 2020

Dear Mr Birns,

Thank you for your letter of 11 and 29 September regarding the actions you have taken at Cardiff Airport in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the Travel Regulations”) introduced certain requirements for persons entering Wales to reduce the risk of imported infections. The law in Wales may differ to the law applicable in other parts of the UK.

Our [guidance](#) is applicable to anyone who arrives in Wales who has been outside of the Common Travel Area (UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) in the 14 days before arrival.

As you will be aware, the Travel Regulations are subject to a formal review every 28 days. However, changes may be made more frequently, especially in relation to the removal of countries from the list of exempt countries and territories. We advise travellers to check the latest position before departure on both the outward and return journeys.

The Travel Regulations have been amended on a number of occasions, most notably to introduce travel corridor exemptions for persons travelling from some countries and territories. The list of exempted countries and territories sets out those countries from which persons arriving in Wales do not need to isolate. Responsibility for health is a devolved matter so Wales takes its own decision based on the assessment of potential risks of imported infection from international travellers coming to Wales. This may mean differences within the UK.

The Spanish islands groups are considered in my weekly meeting on reviewing travel regulations. Both at present are not in a position to come out the quarantine arrangements. However it is positive that the UK Government has followed our lead on separating island groups where there is reliable information to do so as we have done with Madeira, the Azores and some of the Greek islands.

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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.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services