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Cardiff Airport  
BAR UK (the Board of Airline Representatives)  
AOA (the Airport Operators Association)  
ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents)  
ABI (the Association of British Insurers)

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Dear Colleague,

Further to our previous letters, the First Minister announced on 3 December that travel between Wales and areas of the UK with high rates of coronavirus will not be allowed from 6pm today (4 December). Those areas are currently tier three areas in England, level three or four areas in Scotland and the whole of Northern Ireland. This will be kept under review.

Guidance from Welsh Government is to avoid non-essential travel as much as possible. The regulations coming into force at 6pm today (4 December) mean there will be no legal restrictions on travel within Wales or preventing people from travelling abroad. International travel will continue to be restricted by the [quarantine regulations](#), which will remain in place for passengers returning from non-exempt countries.

The Welsh coronavirus regulations have the full force of UK law. It is therefore incumbent on the travel and insurance industries to take the necessary steps to mitigate the financial impact of these travel restrictions on members of the public whose travel plans are disrupted as a result.

As mentioned previously, our letters and your responses will be published on the Welsh Government website. These can be found here: <https://gov.wales/letters-welsh-government-uk-travel-industry-and-uk-ministers-about-local-lockdowns-wales>

Yours sincerely,

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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.