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BAR UK (the Board of Airline Representatives)  
AOA (the Airport Operators Association)  
ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents)  
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Dear Colleague,

The Welsh Government has removed the requirements to self-isolate and undertake a day eight PCR test for fully vaccinated travellers and all children under the age of 18 coming to Wales from the EU and the USA. A person will have to evidence fully vaccinated status, they must present for the EU the EU Digital COVID Certificate; or for the USA present a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccination card to evidence this.

The regulations place duties on operators of international passenger services to check evidence of eligibility where they are claiming exemptions from the travel requirements. These changes came into force on the 2 August 2021.

From 19 July, Welsh Government removed the day eight PCR test and isolation requirements for fully vaccinated UK residents and all children under the age of 18 when returning from amber list countries. These Regulations also made amendments to the Public Health Information Regulations so the information operators are required to provide to travellers both prior to and during travel reflects the changes made by these regulations.

From 4am Sunday 8 August, the rules concerning France have changed and the requirements for arrival are dependent on your vaccination status. For example, fully vaccinated travellers will no longer need to self-isolate or take day eight tests on arrival.

The latest rules for foreign travel to and from Wales can be found here:

[Rules for foreign travel to and from Wales: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | GOV.WALES](#)

To remind you of the testing requirements upon entry into Wales, everyone arriving from an amber-list county must take a PCR test on day two and they should not visit a hospital or care home.

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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.

Prior to arrival into Wales, a 'travel test package' of NHS tests must be booked via the **CTM booking portal**.

Booking a test with a private test provider may incur a fine of up to £1,000 per person.

Further information can be found within [this guidance](#) which will set out the requirements if travelling and returning from red, amber and green listed countries.

We are seeing an increased amount of correspondence from the public who are disappointed that they are incurring increased costs to change the date of booking and inability to access refunds.

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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