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PUBLIC HEALTH, WALES

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulations 2020

	at 2.24 p.m. on 9
Made	<i>October 2020</i> <i>at 6.00 p.m. on 9</i>
Laid before Senedd Cymru	October 2020
Coming into force	at 4.00 a.m. on 10 October 2020

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 45B and 45P(2) of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984(1), make the following Regulations.

PART 1

General

Title, coming into force and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force at 4.00 a.m. on 10 October 2020.

(3) In these Regulations, the "International Travel Regulations" means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020(**2**).

^{(1) 1984} c. 22. Part 2A was inserted by section 129 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14). The function of making regulations under Part 2A is conferred on "the appropriate Minister". Under section 45T(6) of the 1984 Act the appropriate Minister as respects Wales, is the Welsh Ministers.

 ⁽²⁾ S.I. 2020/574 (W. 132) as amended by S.I. 2020/595 (W. 136), S.I. 2020/714 (W. 160), S.I. 2020/726 (W. 163), S.I. 2020/804 (W. 177), S.I. 2020/817 (W. 179), S.I. 2020/840 (W. 185), S.I. 2020/868 (W. 190), S.I. 2020/866 (W. 196), S.I. 2020/917 (W. 205), S.I. 2020/944 (W. 210), S.I. 2020/962 (W. 216), S.I. 2020/981 (W. 220), S.I. 2020/1015 (W. 226), S.I. 2020/1042 (W. 231) and S.I. 2020/1080 (W. 243).

PART 2

Amendment to Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations

Amendment to the list of exempt countries and territories

2. In Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations (exempt countries and territories outside the common travel area), in the entry for Greece, for the words from "Antiparos" to the end substitute "Crete and Mykonos".

Transitional provision in connection with regulation 2

3.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to the Greek territories of Antiparos, Lesvos, Paros, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos and Zakynthos.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies where, immediately before 4.00 a.m. on 10 October 2020-

- (a) a person ("P") was subject to an isolation requirement by virtue of having arrived in Wales from, or having been in a territory to which this regulation applies, and
- (b) P's last day of isolation is 10 October 2020 or a day after that day.

(3) The omission by regulation 2 of the territories from Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations does not affect the isolation requirement as it applies to P, nor affect how P's last day of isolation is determined under the International Travel Regulations.

- (4) Paragraph (5) applies where a person ("P")—
 - (a) arrives in Wales at or after 4.00 a.m. on 10 October 2020, and
 - (b) was in a territory to which this regulation applies within the period of 14 days ending with the day of P's arrival in Wales.

(5) For the purposes of regulations 7(1) and 8(1) of the International Travel Regulations, the question of whether P has arrived in Wales from, or having been in, a non-exempt country or territory is, in relation to a territory to which this regulation applies, to be determined by reference to whether the territory was a non-exempt territory when P was last there (and not by reference to the territory's status upon P's arrival in Wales).

(6) In this regulation, "isolation requirement" has the meaning given by regulation 10(2) of the International Travel Regulations; and references to P's last day of isolation are to be interpreted in accordance with regulation 12 of those Regulations.

Vaughan Gething Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

At 2.24 p.m. on 9 October 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/574 (W. 132)) (the "International Travel Regulations"). The International Travel Regulations have been previously amended by:

- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Persons Travelling to Wales etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/595 (W. 136));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information to Travellers) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/714 (W. 160));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/726 (W. 163));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/804 (W. 177));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/817 (W. 179));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/840 (W. 185));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/868 (W. 190));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/886 (W. 196));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/917 (W. 205));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/944 (W. 210));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/962 (W. 216));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 10) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/981 (W. 220));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1015 (W. 226));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1042 (W. 231));
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1080 (W. 243)).

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 International Travel 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 are not required to isolate.

These exempt countries and territories are the countries and territories listed in Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations, but some of the entries in Schedule 3 are subject to exceptions in respect of particular territories. So, for example, in relation to Greece, which is an exempt country for the purposes of the International Travel Regulations, certain Greek islands are excepted from the exemption.

Part 2 of these Regulations amends the list of exempt countries and territories in relation to Greece; and it makes transitional provision in relation to the amendment.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations so that from 4.00 a.m. on 10 October 2020 the Greek islands of Antiparos, Lesvos, Paros, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos and Zakynthos will no longer be excepted from the exemption for Greece. The islands of Crete and Mykonos will continue to be excepted from the exemption for Greece.

Regulation 3 of these Regulations makes transitional provision relating to these territories' change of status. The transitional provision addresses a potential area of doubt in terms of the effect on the operation of the International Travel Regulations, of the amendment made by regulation 2 of these Regulations.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared as to the likely cost and benefit of complying with these Regulations.