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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

These Regulations amend Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 ([S.R. 2021 No.99](#)) (“the principal Regulations”) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 ([S.R. 2021 No. 102](#)) (“the Operator Liability Regulations”).

Regulation 5 amends Regulation 3A of the principal Regulations and creates a new category of traveller known as an “eligible arrival” who if fully vaccinated and arriving in Northern Ireland from a list of specified countries, is exempted from the need to comply with the obligation to have proof of a negative test on arrival, to take a “day 8 test” or to self-isolate.

Regulations 6 to 12 make amendments to the existing categories of travellers as a consequence of the new framework on non-eligible and eligible non-red list arrivals.

Regulation 13 changes the nature of the medical evidence that travellers from red list countries and territories must provide if they seek exemption from the obligation to quarantine in designated accommodation.

Regulations 15 and 16 make amendments to the Operator Liability Regulations.

Regulation 15 relieves operators of the obligation to check evidence of vaccination where a traveller’s Passenger Locator Form has had appropriate evidence uploaded to it, and which states that the evidence has been verified.

Regulation 16 changes the information that operators must give to passengers to reflect the changes made by these Regulations.

The other provisions of these Regulations make minor and consequential amendments.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument.