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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1979(1) (“the principal Regulations”) which provide for public health control of aircraft arriving at or leaving airports in England and Wales.

The Regulations apply in relation to Wales. They come into force on 1 August 2007, after the International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR) of the World Health Organization come into effect. (The full text of the IHR 2005 is available on the WHO website, [www.int/est/ihr/IHRWHA58\\_3-en.pdf](http://www.int/est/ihr/IHRWHA58_3-en.pdf)).

Regulation 2 amends definitions in regulation 2 of the principal Regulations (interpretation) and adds new definitions which reflect the IHR.

Regulation 3 omits provisions in regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (enforcement and execution of regulations) relating to duties at a national airport of the Secretary of State. Regulation 5 provides for regulation 6 of the principal Regulations (list of infected areas) to be omitted.

Regulations 4 and 16 remove references to a “sanitary airport” in regulations 5 and 22 of the principal Regulations as the concept no longer appears in the IHR.

Regulations 6 to 14, 17 and 18 amend provisions with regard to incoming aircraft (Part III of the principal Regulations) in light of the IHR and otherwise. In addition, provision is made for tuberculosis in regulations 8, 9 and 15. Regulations 19 and 20 make amendments compatible with the IHR in relation to outgoing aircraft (Part IV of the principal Regulations).

Regulations 21 and 24 amend regulations 30 (surveillance) and 37 (saving for existing enactments) in Part V of the principal Regulations. Regulation 22 makes new provision in relation to charges by a responsible authority, reflecting provisions of the IHR. The saving for mails in regulation 35 of the principal Regulations is omitted by regulation 23. Amendments to Schedules 1 and 2 to the principal Regulations are made by regulations 25 and 26.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from Stephanie Peaper at Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ: [Stephanie.Peaper@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Stephanie.Peaper@wales.gsi.gov.uk).