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 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 those Regulations.

Regulations 3 and 14 amend the existing category of exempt persons for the International Travel Regulations, relating to road haulage or road passenger transport workers, creating two distinct categories in the process. Road haulage workers are subject to new workforce testing provisions introduced in regulations 7 and 13 and specific isolation rules introduced in regulation 8. Regulation 9 amends the list of reasonable excuses to leave isolation in regulation 10 of the International Travel Regulations, in light of these changes.

Regulation 6 amends regulation 6G of the International Travel Regulations to provide for the end of an isolation period where a person has not received a result to a day 8 test. The period of isolation ends on the last day of the period of 14 days beginning with the day after the day on which the person was last in a non-exempt country or territory.

Regulation 10 amends regulation 12E of the International Travel Regulations so as to allow entry into Wales for a road haulage worker or a student attending a boarding school in Wales, where such a person has previously been in a country subject to additional measures. Such persons are subject to specific isolation requirements.

Regulations 11 and 12 amend the provisions relating to offences and fixed penalty notices in regulations 14 and 16 respectively of the International Travel Regulations, in light of the above amendments.

Regulation 15 amends Schedule 3A to the International Travel Regulations, which contains the list of countries and territories subject to additional measures in Wales. Regulation 15 adds Bangladesh, Kenya, Pakistan and Philippines to the list.

Regulation 4 contains consequential amendments to the changes described above. Regulations 8 and 10 also contain further consequential amendments. Regulation 5 contains an amendment to address a drafting error in regulation 6D of the International Travel 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 costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.

F1 Regulations revoked (18.3.2022 at 4.00 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Public Health Information to Travellers etc.) (Wales) (Revocation) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/315), reg. 1(2), Sch. para. 36

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (revoked).