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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1042 (W. 231)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH, WALES**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2020**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>at 3.13 p.m. on 25 September 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Senedd Cymru</i>		<i>at 6.00 p.m. on 25 September 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>at 4.00 a.m. on 26 September 2020</i>

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. 12) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force at 4.00 a.m. on 26 September 2020.

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

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(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. 2020/886 (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) and S.I. 2020/1015 (W. 226).

## PART 2

### Amendments to the list of exempt countries in Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations

#### **Removal of countries and territories from 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), omit—

“Curacao”

“Denmark”

“Iceland”

“Slovakia”.

#### **Transitional provision in connection with regulation 2**

3.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where a person (“P”)—

(a) arrives in Wales at or after 4.00 a.m. on 26 September 2020, and

(b) was last in a country or territory listed in regulation 2—

(i) within the period of 14 days ending with the day of P’s arrival in Wales, and

(ii) before 4.00 a.m. on 26 September 2020.

(2) P is, by virtue of having been in a country or territory listed in regulation 2, to be treated for the purposes of regulations 7(1) and 8(1) of the International Travel Regulations as having arrived in Wales from, or having been in, a non-exempt country or territory.

## PART 3

### Miscellaneous Amendments

#### **Amendments to regulation 10 (exceptions to isolation requirements)**

4.—(1) Regulation 10 of the International Travel Regulations is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (4)(jd) insert—

“(jh) where P is an elite athlete who has travelled to the United Kingdom to undergo one or more medical examination, to attend that medical examination, provided—

(i) the medical examination is for the purpose of a business determining whether to offer P a contract to participate in an elite competition on behalf of that business,

(ii) P is in possession of written confirmation from that business of the arrangements referred to in paragraph (i), and

(iii) such arrangements were made prior to P arriving in the United Kingdom;

(ji) where P is a person who is travelling with an elite athlete for the purpose of subparagraph (jh), to provide assistance and support to that elite athlete in connection with such medical examination;

(jj) where P is an elite athlete who has contracted with a business to participate in an elite competition, to participate in such competition or undertake training or other activities connected to that elite competition;”;

- (3) In paragraph (8), in the appropriate places insert—
- ““elite athlete” (“*athletwr elit*”) has the same meaning as in paragraph 38(2)(a) of Schedule 2”;
  - ““elite competition” (“*cystadleuaeth elit*”) has the same meaning as in paragraph 38(2)(b) of Schedule 2”.

#### **Amendment to Schedule 2 (exempt persons)**

5.—(1) In Schedule 2 (exempt persons) to the International Travel Regulations, paragraph 38 is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)(b), for “support or other coaching” substitute “coaching or other support”.

(3) After sub-paragraph (1)(c) insert—

- “(d) is an elite athlete who attended an overseas training programme for the purpose of training or preparing for participation in an elite competition,
- (e) provided coaching or other support to an elite athlete at an overseas training programme for the purpose of training or preparing that elite athlete for participation in an elite competition.”.

(4) In the words after sub-paragraph (1)(e), after “overseas elite competition” insert “or the overseas training programme”.

#### **Additions to the list of specified sporting events in Schedule 4 (specified sporting events)**

6.—(1) Schedule 4 (specified sporting events) to the International Travel Regulations is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 3, at the end insert—

- “(i) Professional Darts Corporation -Boylesports Grand Slam of Darts;
- (j) Professional Darts Corporation -Ladbrokes Players Championship Finals;
- (k) Professional Darts Corporation - William Hill World Darts Championship;
- (l) Professional Darts Corporation - Boylesports World Grand Prix.”

(3) In paragraph 5, at the end insert—

- “(o) European Tour - Scottish Championship.”

(4) In paragraph 7, at the end insert—

- “(c) Motorsport UK - British Kart Championships;
- (d) Motorsport UK - British Rallycross Championships;
- (e) British Touring Car Championships;
- (f) British Rallycross Championships;
- (g) British GT Championship & BRDC F3 Championship;
- (h) Goodwood Speed Week;
- (i) Formula Ford Festival Brands Hatch.”

(5) In paragraph 10, at the end insert—

- “(g) World Snooker Tour - German Masters Qualifiers;
- (h) World Snooker Tour - Northern Ireland Open;
- (i) World Snooker Tour - UK Championships;
- (j) World Snooker Tour - Scottish Open;

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(k) World Snooker Tour - World Grand Prix.”

(6) In paragraph 14, at the end insert—

“(h) International Championship Boxing - Queensberry Promotions.”

(7) At the end insert—

“20. Netball - England Roses v Jamaica Sunshine Girls - Vitality International Netball Series.”

At 3.13 p.m. on 25 September 2020

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

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## 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 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 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. The countries and territories listed in Schedule 3 are referred to as “exempt countries and territories”.

Part 2 of these Regulations amends the list of exempt countries and territories.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends the International Travel Regulations to remove Curacao, Denmark, Iceland and Slovakia from the list of exempt countries and territories.

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Regulation 3 of these Regulations makes transitional provision relating to these countries' and 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 amendments made by regulation 2 of these Regulations.

Part 3 of these Regulations make miscellaneous amendments to the International Travel Regulations.

Regulation 4 of these Regulations amends regulation 10 of the International Travel Regulations to provide an exception to the requirement to isolate for elite athletes and persons supporting them arriving in Wales for the purpose of undergoing medical assessments with a business for the purpose of contracting to participate in elite competitions. Regulation 4 also permits such elite athletes, upon contracting with a business to participate in the elite competition on behalf of that business.

Regulation 5 of these Regulations amends the list of exempt persons in Schedule 2 to the International Travel Regulations for domestic elite athletes, coaches and other support persons upon their return to Wales when having been in a non-exempt country for the purpose of an elite training programme.

Regulation 6 of these Regulations amends the list of sporting events in Schedule 4 to 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 cost and benefit of complying with these Regulations.