

2020 No. 886 (W. 196)

PUBLIC HEALTH, WALES

**The Health Protection
(Coronavirus, International Travel)
(Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6)
Regulations 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 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 add Portugal to the list of exempt countries and territories.

Regulation 4 of these Regulations amends the International Travel Regulations to remove Austria, Croatia and Trinidad and Tobago from the list of exempt countries and territories.

Regulations 3 and 5 of these Regulations makes transitional provision relating to these countries’ 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 regulations 2 and 4 of these Regulations.

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

Regulations 6 and 7 makes consequential amendments to regulations 9 and 10 of the International Travel Regulations as a result of regulation 8 of these Regulations.

Regulation 8 of these Regulations makes various amendments to Schedule 2 to the International Travel Regulations in respect of the exemptions for certain categories of workers. It firstly widens the definition of an inspector or surveyor of ships to include those part of a government of a relevant British possession. Further regulation 8 includes a new exemption to the isolation requirements in respect of elite athletes resident in the UK upon returning from an elite competition.

Regulation 9 of these Regulations adds further events and fixtures to the list of sporting events in Schedule 4 to the International Travel Regulations.

Regulation 9 also corrects an error identified in the Welsh language text 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 cost and benefit of complying with these Regulations.

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Made at 1.36 p.m. on 21 August 2020

Laid before *Senedd*
Cymru at 5.30 p.m. on 21 August 2020

Coming into force at 4.00 a.m. on 22 August
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. 6) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force at 4.00 a.m. on 22 August 2020.

(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.

(3) In these Regulations, the “International Travel Regulations” means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020⁽¹⁾.

PART 2

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

Addition of Portugal 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), at the appropriate place insert—

“Portugal”.

Transitional provision in connection with regulation 2

3.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where, immediately before 4.00 a.m. on 22 August 2020—

- (a) a person (“P”) was subject to an isolation requirement by virtue of having arrived in Wales from, or having been in Portugal, and
- (b) P’s last day of isolation is 22 August 2020 or a day after that day.

(2) The addition of Portugal to 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.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies where a person (“P”)—

- (a) arrives in Wales at or after 4.00 a.m. on 22 August 2020, and
- (b) was in Portugal within the period of 14 days ending with the day of P’s arrival in Wales.

(4) 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 Portugal, to be determined by reference to whether Portugal was a non-exempt country when P was last there (and not by reference to Portugal’s status upon P’s arrival in Wales).

(1) 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) and S.I. 2020/868 (W. 190).

(5) 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.

Removal of countries from the list of exempt countries and territories

4. In Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the International Travel Regulations (exempt countries and territories outside the common travel area), omit—

“Austria”

“Croatia”

“Trinidad and Tobago”.

Transitional provision in connection with regulation 4

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

(a) arrives in Wales at or after 4.00 a.m. on 22 August 2020, and

(b) was last in a country listed in regulation 4—

(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 22 August 2020.

(2) P is, by virtue of having been in that country, 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

Amendment to regulation 9 (isolation requirements: exemptions)

6. In regulation 9(2) of the International Travel Regulations (isolation requirements: exemptions), for “36” substitute “38”.

Amendments to regulation 10 (isolation requirements: exceptions)

7.—(1) Regulation 10 of the International Travel Regulations (isolation requirements: exceptions) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit paragraph (4)(je) to (jg).

(3) Omit paragraph (8)(b) to (e).

Amendments to Schedule 2 (exempt persons)

8.—(1) Schedule 2 to the International Travel Regulations (exempt persons) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph 9 substitute—

“**9.** An inspector, or a surveyor of ships, appointed under section 256 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995⁽¹⁾ or by a government of a relevant British possession as defined in section 313(1) of that Act, where they have travelled to the United Kingdom in the course of their work.”

(3) At the end insert—

“**38.**—(1) A person habitually resident in the United Kingdom who—

- (a) is an elite athlete who participated in an overseas elite competition,
- (b) provided support or other coaching to an elite athlete at an overseas elite competition,
- (c) officiated at, or was involved in running, an overseas elite competition,

where the person has travelled to the United Kingdom to return from the overseas elite competition.

(2) In this paragraph—

- (a) “elite athlete” means a person—
 - (i) who derives a living from competing in a sport,
 - (ii) is an elite athlete within the meaning given in regulation 2 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2020⁽²⁾, or
 - (iii) not falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) who participates in the UEFA Champions’ league or Europa league;
- (b) “elite competition” means a sporting competition at which any of the participants compete—
 - (i) to derive a living, or
 - (ii) to qualify for, or as part of a selection process for, the Olympics, Paralympics or Commonwealth Games;

(1) 1995 c. 21.

(2) S.I. 2020/725 (W. 162).

- (c) “overseas elite competition” means an elite competition taking place outside the United Kingdom; and a person is to be treated as having returned from such a competition if the person has within the period of 14 days ending with the person’s last day of isolation, been in a non-exempt country or territory for the purposes of such a competition.”

Amendments to Schedule 4 (specified sporting events)

9.—(1) Schedule 4 (specified sporting events) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph 3 substitute—

“**3.** Darts—

- (a) Professional Darts Corporation - Summer Series;
- (b) Betfred World Matchplay Darts;
- (c) Professional Darts Corporation - Unibet Premier League;
- (d) Professional Darts Corporation - Development Tour;
- (e) Professional Darts Corporation - Challenge Tour;
- (f) Professional Darts Corporation - Women’s Series;
- (g) Professional Darts Corporation - Players Championship;
- (h) Professional Darts Corporation – World Youth Championship.”

(3) For paragraph 10 substitute—

“**10.** Snooker—

- (a) Betfred World Snooker Championship;
- (b) World Snooker Tour - European Masters;
- (c) World Snooker Tour - English Open;
- (d) World Snooker Tour - Shoot Out;
- (e) Matchroom Champion of Champions Snooker Tournament.”

(4) In the Welsh language text, for paragraph 14 substitute—

“**14.** Bocsio—

- (a) Matchroom Fight Camp - Gornest Ryngwladol Pwysau Trwm;
- (b) Matchroom Fight Camp - Teitl Pwysau Trwm y Byd Cyngor Bocsio’r Byd;

(c) Matchroom Fight Camp - Teitl Pwysau
Ysgafn y Byd y Menywod Sefydliad
Bocsio'r Byd."

(5) At the end insert—

"**15.** Squash - Manchester Open 2020 Squash
Tournament.

16. Ten Pin Bowling - Matchroom BetVictor
Weber Cup.

17. Pool - Matchroom Partypoker Mosconi
Cup Pool Tournament."

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At 1.36 p.m. on 21 August 2020