

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

MADE AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Public Health (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/470)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Public Health (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/470) be approved.

Purpose

2. The overarching policy aim of this instrument is to update Scotland's approach to international travel by, in this case, removing and lessening the emergency restrictions introduced as a direct result of the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. These changes are made in recognition of the fact that maintaining them would no longer be a proportionate response.

3. Amendments to Country Status: This instrument removes countries currently on the "red list". This instrument removes Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe from the list of acute countries or territories, the "red list". This has the effect that, from the date the instrument comes into force, there are no acute countries or territories on the "red list".

4. Isolation Post Arrival: This instrument also makes a technical amendment to ensure an eligible vaccinated arrival who is a child under 11 years old is able to leave self-isolation if their accompanying adult receives a negative test result from their day 2 PCR test."

Consideration by committee

5. At its meeting on 23 December 2021, the Covid-19 Recovery Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 23 December 2021.

Decision

6. **Business Managers are invited note that the above motions will be lodged.**

7. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
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