

**From:** [redacted] NR @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>  
**To:** [redacted] NR [redacted] NR  
[redacted] NR @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>, Zainab Agha <zainab.gha@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR  
[redacted] NR @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>, UKGG Private Office Mailbox <ukgg-private-office@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR @scotlandoffice.gov.uk, [redacted] NR  
[redacted] NR @scotlandoffice.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR @nio.gov.uk>, Covid-19 <covid-19@nio.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR  
[redacted] NR @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR ukgovwales.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR (SO)"  
[redacted] NR s@scotlandoffice.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR (OAG)"  
[redacted] NR r@advocategeneral.gov.uk>, [redacted] NR @advocategeneral.gov.uk

**Subject:** Readout from CDL's call with the DAs on the review of borders health measures, 29 June 2020

**Date:** Mon, 29 Jun 2020 16:11:55 +0100

---

Hi All,

See below readout of the CDL chaired call with the DAs this morning.

Kind regards,

[redacted] NR

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** [redacted] Name Redacted @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

**Date:** Mon, 29 Jun 2020 at 15:59

**Subject:** Re: Urgent - Sharing material with the DAs

**To:** [redacted] Name Redacted @cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

**Cc:** psmatthancock <psmatthancock@dhsc.gov.uk>, Simon Ridley <simon.ridley@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>.

[redacted]

Names Redacted

Hi All,

See below a note of the key points and actions from the CDL chaired call with the DAs on borders health measures this morning.

UKG Ministers and officials set out the methodology and list of countries to be included (note this has been updated from the version shared on Sunday to include Monaco and Liechtenstein. Morocco and Tunisia have been moved to high risk, so removed from the list) and flagged that there would be a high level WMS laid today stating that UKG is that considering exemptions based on the risk, to meet the Court's deadline in the BA et al judicial review and delay the litigation.

### Welsh Government

- **Vaughan Gething MS, Welsh Minister for Health and Social Care** stated that it would have been helpful to have had this call at the end of last week.
- However, he can see the logic behind the advice, control of borders is reserved and Wales only has one airport.
- The WG is minded to make regulations alongside UKG, but would like their CMO to first consider and he will confirm with FM.

### Northern Ireland Executive

- **Robin Swann, MLA, Minister for Health in the NIE** said he was disappointed to find out about UKG plans in the media.
- He said that their Chief Scientific Adviser and CMO were not across the details, so he was not in a position to recommend that the NIE adopt the exemptions in their meeting this afternoon. It was important to take the time to do something jointly.
- The NIE would be including two additional sectorial exemptions in their regulations:
  - to align the healthcare worker exemption with other public sector workers exemptions; and
  - an exemption for sheep and alpaca shearers.

### Scottish Government

- **Humza Yousaf, the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Justice** stated his frustration about the UKG briefing to the media before speaking to the DAs.
- He said that no one wanted divergence, but that economic impacts need to be balanced against public health.
- The SG don't have an issue with the green / low risk countries, but are concerned about the medium risk ones. He specifically questioned why the Philippines was on the list when the WHO had said they had the highest increase in Asia, while Taiwan which had a very low prevalence wasn't.
- He asked to see the details of the data and the DFT WMS.
- On the sectorial exemptions the SG would be taking a different approach to elite sports, focusing on events rather than taking a blanket approach.
- He also flagged an inconsistency with the proposed implantation and the when the tourist industry in Scotland opens up (on 15 July). He suggested agreeing a date that suits all Administrations.

The **SoS Scotland and PUSS Wales** both stressed the importance of a four nations approach.

**The Health Secretary** said he was happy to have another look at the inclusion of the Philippines, and made a wider point about the importance of getting the JBC up and running and legally

formulated with an oversight committee of Ministers from all the nations so there is a formal body to look at these issues.

**CDL summarised**, agreeing to share the underlying data and WMS with the DAs asap, that officials should discuss and agree a date for implementation, and that there should be a further Ministerial call, chaired either by CDL or Health Secretary, before any final decision is made.

Key actions are as follows:

1. **CDL's Private Office**: UKG to urgently share DFT WMS with the DAs. Given that the implementation date is still to be agreed, this should not be included;
2. **Taskforce/Simon Ridley to coordinate**: UKG to share the 'data' behind the JBC approach with the DAs. DA officials saw the spreadsheet on Friday, but are still after the underlying data;
3. **DHSC/JBC** to reconsider the inclusion of the Philippines in the list (and update as part of action 2); and
4. **Taskforce/Simon Ridley to coordinate**: UKG to follow up at official level on agreeing an implementation date with the DAs; CDL's steer is that we should be flexible on the date within the w/c 6th July.
5. **CDL's Private Office** to coordinate a further Ministerial Meeting with the DAs (chair tbc), which will need to be before the announcement on Wednesday. This discussion should focus on the final list of countries and implementation date.

Kind regards,

Name Redacted