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These regulations were discussed in a phone call this afternoon between the FM and CDL, FM Scotland and NI, dFM NI and the territorial Secretaries of State.

CDL updated on the discussions with France and Rol.

- The exemptions proposed will likely apply mainly to travel between the UK and France, but there will not be a blanket exemption for France.
- Discussions continuing with Rol with a view to aligning as closely as possible.

Our FM said keen to work together to achieve a common approach, we support the basic thrust of UK plans. Raised 4 points:

- Need more clarity on position in respect of foreign nationals arriving in Rol then travelling on to Wales
- Need more clarity and guidance on the expectations on people in the exempted groups
- What are the expectations re travel between point of entry to UK and destination – how to minimise risk of transmission during the journey
- How workable is the requirement that people quarantined can go out to get food/meds only in exceptional circs?

NI Ministers also in discussion with Dublin, further meeting on Tuesday about scope to strengthen Irish restrictions, emphasised need for engagement with operators.

FM Scotland- supports the approach very strongly in principle, agreed with FM Wales points. Need more clarity on EHRC issues and public health rationale. Concern that the suggestion of applying only to countries with higher transmission rates than UK may not be workable in practice. Will need to consider support for those in quarantine. Called for further 4 nations discussions with policy and legal officials in coming days to bottom out the detail before further UKG announcement, ensure that all are comfortable with the legal basis of the provisions.

SoS Scotland asked whether we should consider 10 day quarantine followed by mandatory test.

CDL summed up that further consideration would be given to:

- Arrangements for travel to final destination
- Guidance for exempted groups
- More pragmatic approach re food and medical supplies
- Ensure regs are non discriminatory/EHRC compatible
- He will ask Attorney General to talk to Lord Advocate and others on the legal aspects.

Further discussion tomorrow in MIG.

Our FM noted that we are now 2 weeks away from next 3 week review, immensely helpful if we can establish a rhythm of Ministerial discussions, meet this week to discuss ideas coming to the surface, not leave discussion till the final week.

CDL will seek to ensure this happens this week.

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The FM was grateful for this advice – he agrees with the ‘in principle’ approach, given the level of detail we will still need to see.

He has two queries:

1. Where will people from outside the CTA enter Wales, given that CW Airport is closed. He understands, of course, that the regs might be needed against the day when the airport resumes carrying passengers.

2. Given what is said at para 25 about the inability to provide the usual 21 day notice, should he mention this in his oral statement on Wednesday, at least to alert the Senedd to the nature of the discussions?

Thanks
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NR – thank you.

Carys – I've asked that this be submitted this evening but would want the FM to be aware there is still some way to go before we will be able to provide definitive advice on the UKG proposals. The view of officials and lawyers is that, as they stand, the draft English proposals still present difficulties and we will need to do more work with UKG and the other DAs over the weekend. The purpose of this MA is therefore to ask for formal agreement to continue the work and to instruct lawyers, with the caveat that important questions remain to be addressed.

We have continued to take the line that the FM in principle supports a four nations approach to this and we have sought to engage constructively. However, depending on progress, we may not be in a position to advise Ministers to agree to Welsh regulations being made (or at the very least may need to provide an appraisal of potential legal risks if we do sign up formally). Based on recent discussions, Scotland would appear to have similar concerns and have advised that their Ministers will not be able to make a decision until Monday at the earliest. We will press ahead if the FM is content but may have to provide a holding line for the GPS MIG on Monday.

Thanks

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Summary

To seek :

- permission for officials to work with officials from the UK Government and the other devolved administrations on the development of a joint policy approach to international travel during the pandemic;
- agreement “in principle” to the making of regulations for Wales—
 - (i) that will require travellers entering Wales to provide prescribed information and to self-isolate for a period of up to 14 days; and
 - (ii) that will require carriers to provide health information to travellers on entering Wales

Agreement to instruct the Office of the Legislative Counsel to draft relevant regulations for Wales.

Timing - URGENT.

There is a Ministerial meeting scheduled for Monday 18 May between Ministers from the UK Government and the devolved administrations to agree an approach to international travel during the pandemic, and the current proposal from the UK Government is that relevant equivalent regulations should be made in respect of all 4 nations by the end of May 2020.

Recommendation

It is recommended that you:

- agree for officials to work with officials from the UK Government and the other devolved administrations on the development of a joint policy approach to international travel during the pandemic;
- agree “in principle” to the making of regulations for Wales—
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instruct the Office of the Legislative Counsel to draft relevant regulations for Wales.

Thank you

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