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**COVID OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 21(02)**

Weds 05 Jan 2021 | 12:45-13:15

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**ACTIONS**

1. The UK HEALTH AND SECURITY AGENCY to closely monitor testing data from the LFD regime throughout January, reporting regularly to the COVID-19 TASK FORCE, to inform the further review of border measures at the end of January.
2. The COVID-19 TASK FORCE to work across Whitehall to review the border measures, returning to the Committee by the end of January with a proposal for a system that could last throughout 2022.
3. DFT to coordinate a process on approving vaccine certificates for the further 8 countries who have made changes to their vaccine certification process to meet UK standards since the last meeting.

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**DECISIONS**

1. The Committee agreed to drop the measures put in place to respond to omicron, and revert to a system where 'fully vaccinated' travellers are only required to take an LFD test by the end of Day 2 post arrival (with a confirmatory PCR if it is positive), ahead of a final review at the end of January to set out a border system for the remainder of 2022;
2. The Committee agreed that changes to testing and isolation should come into force at 0400 on Friday 7 January with additions to the list of countries by 10 January. The DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE agreed to implement people being able to purchase Day 2 LFDs from 0400 Friday 7 January, for use from 0400 Sunday 9 January.
3. The Committee agreed to announce these changes on Wednesday 5 January.
4. The Committee agreed that the red list should remain unchanged.
5. The Committee agreed that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) Regulations 2021 remain necessary;
6. The Committee agreed that the pause on approving vaccine certificates should be lifted and countries previously submitted to write-round onboarded: Bhutan,