

COVID-O COMMITTEE (72)
Thursday 19 November 2020 | 10:45-11:15

ACTIONS

Item 1: Public health measures at the border

1. JBC to update the Committee with its new proposed methodology before publication.

Item 2: Test to release for international arrivals and Global Travel Taskforce report

1. DfT to share further clinical and behavioural science evidence underpinning the 'Test to Release' (TTR) proposals with the DAs.
2. DfT to share results data for the TTR scheme with DAs following its implementation.
3. DfT and CTF to lead work on making changes to the Passenger Locator Form (PLF) - with input and direction from the HO.
4. DfT to engage with counterparts in Ireland on data sharing issues where people travel into the UK via Dublin.

DECISIONS

Item 1: Public health measures at the border

1. The Committee agreed with the Secretary of State for Transport's recommendations to **add** Rwanda, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Israel and Jerusalem to the travel corridor list. In addition the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, the US Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands would be added. These changes would come into effect at 04.00 on Saturday 21 November.
2. The Committee noted the sensitivities on announcing the addition of Jerusalem to the travel corridor.
3. The Committee noted that Scotland would not be announcing any changes to its travel corridor to avoid confusion with their moves into Tier 4 lockdown. However the other Devolved Administrations noted that they would align with the position for England.

Item 2: Test to release for international arrivals and Global Travel Taskforce report

1. The Committee agreed with recommendations in the paper '*Test to release for international arrivals*' to launch and fully roll out the proposed 'test to release' (TTR) scheme for international arrivals on 15 December, and to announce it on Tuesday 24 November.

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2. The DAs signalled their intention to align on a different timetable, and subject to scrutiny of the clinical and behavioural science evidence underpinning the proposals.