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Subject: Re: International Travel Programme Board

And here is the intended process for this week, which I have just received from DFT:

NR - you may want to make MSTH aware of when the DA meeting is taking place if this comes up in discussion in his meeting with DA tourism ministers today.

Weekly process milestones	Owner	Target day
Indicative list of countries that are at risk of moving from high risk to moderate and vice versa to JCB/DfT/FCO	PHE	Monday
Engagement with DAs - Strategic	DfT	Tuesday
Sectoral exemption draft write-round out to relevant departments		Tuesday
Complete risk assessment against JBC assessment evidence and send to DHSC	JBC	Wednesday
Ministerial data meeting	DfT	14:00 Wednesday
Ministerial DA meeting	DfT	Thursday - Time TBC
Confirm list of countries via written procedure	DfT/FCO	Thursday
Engagement with DAs - Operational	HO/BF	Thursday
Engage with relevant countries and update travel guidance	FCO	Thursday
Announce via gov.uk/ensure DfT Comms Q&A is updated.	DfT	Thursday PM
Amend regulations	DfT	Thursday 2pm box
Lay regs	DfT	Friday am

comprehensive data gathering as too resource intensive. Targeted approaches to particular airlines will have the most impact. DFT have spoken to AOA and BAR who are happy to follow up with members but need specific examples of issues. There was a call with operators on Fri to request extra signage and DFT have asked carriers to contact people 48hrs in advance reminding them about the locator form.

- Increasing levels of abuse to Border Force officers from returning Brits who don't seem to realise they need to complete the form regardless of the country they come from, and not just if they are arriving from a country subject to quarantine. I said we could push out this message via TIER and VEWG again although I imagine the main useful organisations would be ABTA, AITO and OTAs.
- Home Sec is pressuring BF to pull back from compliance comms due to resourcing and issue penalties for non compliance.
- CO said if we don't sort soon there will be political appetite from No10 to intervene

Travel corridors weekly review

- • DFT recognised that not many major markets are on the Travel Corridor list and how the approach to **testing is key to international travel resuming.** Stakeholders are v live to the fact Germany and France have a testing approach and the UK is lagging behind.
- **Jane Williams from the JBC gave an informal view on the watchlist of countries, with list to be circulated this afternoon and the full JBC data will be provided on Wed.** Croatia's weekly case rate is now at 21.5 (red risk) from 7.8 a week ago. More concerning is increase in travellers from Croatia having Covid. On 14/15 Aug there were 21 cases and previously it was 2 cases. Austria and Netherlands also reporting inbound increase in cases from there and some other countries have imposed quarantine on Croatia. About 12k people in Croatia. We will need to closely monitor the data this week and see if it warrants an extraordinary process. FCO/DFT are trying to get data on how many people travelling there Wed / Thurs so we can assess what holding out on taking a decision means in practice. FCO being lobbied by Croatia heavily and will set out what mitigating action the Croatian authorities are taking.
- **Seeing incident rates higher in Faroe islands, Gibraltar, French Polynesia (but skewed as small islands). Other worries are Denmark, Switzerland (17); Trinidad and Tobago (13/14), Poland, Greece (13.4 - slow increase). Turkey is at 10.4 but test positivity is decreasing.**
- FCO said rates in Ireland are looking alarming but JBC said the weekly rate is still only at 11.2. Also part of CTA exemption.
- **JBC will look at the countries to come back onto the exemption list as part of the standard weekly process.** Data will come through on Wed.
- **Sector exemptions:** DAs weren't sighted on some boxing events added to exemptions and there was a plea from Scotland to improve sighting DAs in future. There was also an ask for exemption sector leads to be clear in guidance that it only applies to their work.