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Dear Huw,

### **International Travel Update**

I am writing to update the Transport Select Committee on the UK Government's recent changes to the traffic light system country allocation lists for international travel.

From 04:00 BST Monday 30 August, the following countries and territories will be added to the Government's green list:

- The Azores
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Switzerland

Passengers arriving from green list destinations need to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to travel and take a further test on day 2 of their arrival in the UK.

There will be no additions to the amber list.

Thailand and Montenegro will be added to the red list, reflecting the increased case rates in these countries and the higher risk that travel from these countries poses to UK public health. The high rates combined with lower levels of published genomic surveillance in Thailand and Montenegro than other countries mean that an outbreak of a new variant or existing variants cannot be easily identified before it is imported and seeded across the UK.

Passengers arriving from these destinations, irrespective of vaccination status, will be required to self-isolate in a managed quarantine hotel, provide a valid notification of a negative test result prior to travel and take a test on day 2 and 8 after their arrival.

All arrivals into the UK must continue to complete a Passenger Locator Form.

The Devolved Administrations in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be aligning with these changes to country allocations.

Finally, continuing with our phased approach to restarting international travel while protecting public health, we are engaging with governments around the world, including Turkey and Pakistan, offering technical expertise and support to help them make any improvements needed for a change in traffic light rating.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Shapps', written in a cursive style.

**Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**