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New health measures at the UK border- regulations introduced in England

Carriers Partner Pack

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Dear partner,

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In this communications toolkit, we provide the information you will need to help you communicate these new measures with your customers. In this pack, you will find:

- A link to the information on gov.uk including further guidance and which will link to the contact locator form when this is available from 4 June.
- An updated factsheet and Q&A to help you provide further information and answer questions from your customers
- Contact details for the Border Force Communications team should you have any questions.

Measures coming into place

- From 8 June 2020, all arrivals from outside the Common Travel Area (CTA) will be required to complete an online locator form to supply contact details, travel details and the address of where they will self-isolate.
- This measure will support public health by allowing fast identification of those who have travelled near an infected individual and allow contact tracing to identify those who have come into contact with an infected individual in the UK. Contacts will be rapidly identified and advised, where needed, to follow precautionary public health advice.
- All arrivals from outside the CTA from 8 June will also be required to self-isolate in their accommodation for fourteen days on arrival to the UK.
- Where international travellers are unable to safely self-isolate in their own accommodation the Government will support them finding appropriate accommodation at their own expense. This measure will contribute to reducing the transmission of COVID-19 by reducing levels of physical contact during the period of fourteen days when a traveller could have contracted the disease but might not yet have shown symptoms.
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- The first review will take place on 29 June.

Enforcement

- Anyone failing to comply with the mandatory conditions may face enforcement action.
- Fixed penalty notices may be issued for breach of these regulations. In England, where a person over the age of 18 is not following the self-isolation requirement, there will be a fixed penalty notice of £1,000. Where passengers refuse to complete, or do not accurately complete a contact detail declaration form, the fixed penalty notice is £100 for the first offence, and this may be doubled for each subsequent offence up to a maximum of £3,200. Border Force will undertake checks at the border and may refuse entry to any non-resident foreign nationals who refuses to comply with these regulations and isn't resident in the UK.
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Gov.uk page and guidance

- The latest information and guidance on these measures and exemptions can be found at: www.gov.uk/uk-border-control.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) and entering or returning to the UK

From 8 June, there will be new rules in place for entering the UK because of coronavirus (COVID-19). The rules are for residents and visitors.

When these rules are in place, you will:

- need to provide your journey and contact details when you travel to the UK
- not be allowed to leave the place you're staying for the first 14 days you're in the UK except in very limited situations (known as 'self-isolating')

You do not need to do these things now. But you should check the [latest public health advice on coronavirus](#) before you travel, or if you've just arrived in the UK.

! Once the rules come into place you may be fined £100 if you refuse to provide your contact details, £1,000 if you refuse to self-isolate in England and Wales, or you could face further action. You'll be able to

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Factsheet and Q&A

A factsheet and Q&A detailing information about the new measures to use to answer customer queries can be downloaded [here](#)

Factsheet: Introduction of health measures regulations in England

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- The enforcement and penalty regime will be implemented by Border Force and the Police. Immigration Officers will be authorised to enforce the

requirement to provide contact details. The Police will have the powers to enforce the requirement to self-isolate.

- In England, Public Health England will set up an assurance service to contact a sample of UK arrivals by phone to ensure they understand the requirements and are self-isolating.

Q&A

Medical advice on border changes

The government has maintained throughout this pandemic that medical and scientific advice advised against border measures, has this changed?

- Throughout the outbreak, we have brought in the right measures at the right time based on scientific advice.
- During the contain phase we had enhanced monitoring at the borders to identify symptomatic travellers from high risk areas early and safely triage them into the health system.
- This was applied to those returning from Wuhan on 22 January and broadened to the whole of China on 25 January; Japan on 8 February, Iran on 25 February, Northern Italy on 4 March and the whole of Italy on 5 March.
- Once there was significant transmission within the UK, border restrictions would have a very marginal impact on the epidemic within the UK, as at that point they contributed a tiny proportion of the number new infections
- Now that domestic transmission within the UK is coming under control, it is the right time to prepare new measures at the border.

So what's behind the change?

- Imported cases matter most when the UK has a low level of infection. When domestic transmission is high (as we have seen in recent weeks) imported cases represent a small proportion of the total and are make no significant difference to the epidemic.
- As the UK moves to a situation where domestic transmission is much lower, imported cases could become a higher proportion of the overall number of infections. Requiring arrivals to the UK to self-isolate for 14 days will reduce the risk of transmission from this group.

Contact and accommodation form measure

When will this form be brought in?

- The on-line Passenger Locator form will be available from 4 June. People can complete it up to 48 hours in advance of travel to the UK. It will be needed for travel into the UK from 8 June onwards
- These measures are due to be brought in on June 8 and will be subject to review in line with social distancing measures, including careful consideration of potential ways to help the travel sector and support the UK's roadmap to recovery. Public health is a devolved matter. The Government is therefore

Feedback and contact details

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