

AIR BRIDGES

TIMELINE

- **Friday 26 June**
 - UK Government issued press release on air bridges.
 - We were **not** given the opportunity to discuss the proposed country exemptions prior to UK Government press release.
- **Monday 29 June**
 - First of two four nation ministerial calls on air bridges since the regulations were introduced. Attended by Cab Sec for Justice.
- **Wednesday 01 July**
 - Second four nations ministerial call.
 - Further information on country exemptions was given to us less than 30 minutes before it started.
 - Call agreed CMOs from all nations should discuss on the morning of 2 July to see if joint advice could be given to governments.
 - After the call the UK Government sent us an e-mail with yet more data and further changes to the proposed exempted country list.
 - The Northern Ireland Executive is in the same position as the SG on this.
- **Thursday 02 July**
 - CMOs from all four nations met and CMOs agreed that the proposed country risk assessment criteria should be examined more closely by a technical group and agreed by the CMOs
 - UK Government informed SG at official level of intention to issue press release identifying 'air bridges' on Fri 03 July.
- **Friday 03 July**
 - UK Government have released statement on 'air bridges' and intends to publish full list of countries later today.