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Quarantine measures at the border start on Monday

Rules covering new measures to be imposed at the UK border from Monday have being published today, according to a government announcement.

Home Secretary Priti Patel made an Oral Ministerial Statement to Parliament this afternoon.

Passengers arriving in the UK will be required to self-isolate for 14 days and anybody failing to comply with the mandatory conditions may face enforcement action. A breach of self-isolation would be punishable with a £1,000 fixed penalty notice in England or potential prosecution and unlimited fine.

The BVRLA is writing to Ministers to make them aware of the adverse impact that this measure will have on the vehicle rental sector, where a number of operators are heavily reliant on inbound airport travellers.

The association shares widespread concerns that the policy is poorly timed and almost impossible to implement effectively. The move may cause more harm than good to UK citizens, having a drastic effect on the aviation, travel and broader tourism-related industries.

How to treat expenses during Covid-19

Government <u>guidance has been updated</u> which explains how to treat certain expenses and benefits provided to employees during Covid-19.

Find out about taxable expenses and benefits when they are paid to employees because of coronavirus and how to report them to HMRC.

Late payment support from the Small Business Commissioner

The <u>Small Business Commissioner</u> is an independent public body set up by Government under the Enterprise Act 2016 to tackle late payment and unfavourable payment practices in the private sector.

Many small businesses are having disputes over delayed payments or in some cases, non-payment because of the financial hardship being experienced by all sectors during the Covid-19 pandemic. To date the SBC has helped small businesses recover over £500,000 during the coronavirus crisis.

If you'd like some advice you can email them at enquiries@smallbusinesscommissioner.gov.uk

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Weekly statistics available showing transport usage

The Department for Transport is monitoring the use of the transport system during the Covid-19 pandemic and is <u>publishing statistics</u> every Wednesday showing transport use by mode.

Government webinars to support businesses

The Government has <u>published a selection of webinars and videos</u> on YouTube to support businesses wanting advice on the different financial support packages available for businesses.

The YouTube video about the Statutory Sick Pay rebate scheme has been updated today.