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**Emne:** RE: Request for information concerning an own-initiative case relating to Norwegians restrictions upon entry due to Covid-19 - request for extended deadline

Dear Ms. Ruud,

Thank you for your e-mail, and for your subsequent communication of this morning. The Internal Market Affairs Directorate has taken cognisance of the new rules, and is grateful for the additional information in this regard.

The Directorate is conscious of the dual demands of COVID-19 and the approaching holiday season, and is happy to grant a time extension. However, we would be grateful if you could reply **no later than 8 January**, rather than 15 January, as requested.

Obviously, the Directorate would be grateful if, in your letter of reply, you would address our questions in the light of the updated regulations.

In addition, we would be grateful for immediate clarification on a number of points:

Firstly, we would be grateful if you could provide us with a high-level overview of the thinking behind the amendments to the regulations, and what the changes hope to achieve.

Secondly, while a *prima facie* reading of the new regulations would appear to show that they address some of the concerns outlined in our letter pertaining to the previous regulations, there remain a number of issue areas with which the Directorate has concerns.

For example, an individual is obliged to stay in a quarantine hotel if he/she can't find a place to stay with a private kitchen and bathroom; whereas if an individual has a home in Norway, he/she is not required to show it has a private kitchen and bathroom just to stay there. On what basis is this distinction grounded?

Also, the regime concerning employers whose workers are staying in quarantine hotels does not seem to have changed, except that the fee for such employers has been reduced from 1500 NOK/day to 500 NOK/day. On what basis is this scheme maintained, and why was the price changed?

(Please understand that the list above is not intended to be exhaustive).

Thirdly, we would be grateful for a costs breakdown of how Norway has calculated that it costs 3000 NOK/day for an individual to be accommodated in a quarantine hotel, and the reasons underpinning the 500 NOK/day rate, ideally also including a costs breakdown for the latter.

Best regards,

Ciarán Burke

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Dear Ms. Bangsund and Mr. Burke,

Reference is made to your letter 24 November 2020 regarding a request for information concerning an own-initiative case relating to Norwegian restrictions upon entry due to Covid-19, and to the telephone conversation between Director General Ketil Bøe Moen and Kristin Saether Bangsund earlier this week.

As mention by Mr. Moen, significant amendments to section 5 of the Covid-19-regulations regarding the requirements to stay in quarantine hotels were adopted and entered into force on Sunday 13 December. In order to reply to the questions in your letter 24 November, it will be necessary to obtain and coordinate information from several departments and ministries. As we also have a large amount of other covid-19-related questions pending before the holidays, it will be difficult to coordinate and finalise a reply to your questions within the deadline 20 December.

We would therefore be grateful if it were possible to extend the deadline to 15 January 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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