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Dear Rhun

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking how many doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, batch numbers 4120Z001, 4120Z002, 4120Z003, manufactured by the Serum Institute in India, have been administered to people in Wales. You also asked what assessment Welsh Government has made of the possible restrictions on British people's right to travel to the European Union if they have received the above vaccines as you suggest the EU has not approved this version of the vaccine.

Approximately 5 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute India with the batch numbers in question have been administered in the UK. This includes 254,915 individuals vaccinated in Wales.

All doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine used in Wales have been authorised by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) following rigorous safety and quality checks. All AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine used in the UK is the same regardless of where it was manufactured, and will appear on the NHS COVID Pass as Vaxzevria. The European Medicines Agency has approved this vaccine and we are confident that travel will not be affected.

The EU Digital Covid-19 Certificate is currently for EU citizens only, or third country nationals legally staying or resident in the EU. The UK Government is engaging with European commission on certification for safe and open travel with our global partners.

Yours sincerely

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