UK to end quarantine rules for travellers from low-risk countries



London, July 4 (RHC)-- The British government said it is scrapping a 14-day quarantine rule for arrivals from a number of countries deemed "lower risk" for the coronavirus, including France, Spain, Germany and Italy.

The change takes effect July 10, just over a month after the United Kingdom began requiring international arrivals to self-isolate for two weeks. The full list of exempted countries will be announced later on Friday, the government said.

On Saturday, the government will also exempt several countries from its advice against overseas travel, meaning UK tourists can once again head abroad on vacation.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said the changes are "good news for British people and great news for British businesses." But he stressed that the government could re-impose quarantine restrictions "in countries we are reconnecting with."

The changes announced apply only to England - the devolved governments of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland would "set out their own approach to exemptions", the government said.

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