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Dear Prem Gaha Magar,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 September, to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, about the categorisation of Nepal within the international travel system. I have been asked to reply as an official in the Department for Transport's Aviation Directorate.

Following the third Global Travel Taskforce checkpoint review, announced on 17 September, the Government will continue to focus on protecting our borders from the most dangerous COVID-19 variants to ensure continuity for industry and passengers for the remainder of the year.

Public health has always been at the heart of our international travel policy and with more than 8 in 10 adults vaccinated in the UK, we are now able to introduce a proportionate updated structure that reflects the new landscape.

Starting from 4am on Monday 4 October, the traffic light system has been replaced by a single red list of countries and territories which will continue to be crucial to protect public health. The rules for travel from countries and territories not on the red list will depend on vaccination status.

As you may know, following the Government's announcement on 7 October, Nepal will come off the red list on the 11 October at 4am.

The latest international travel advice, along with information about the rules about what counts as being fully vaccinated, is available at: www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19#new-rules/.

Moving forward, the Government will further review the UK's international travel policy early in the new year to provide further certainty for the spring and summer 2022 seasons.

Thank you for raising this matter with the Department for Transport, and I hope the information above is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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