**Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations**

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PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGULATIONS

(Cap. 141, section 8)

[16th September, 1955.]

PART I

GENERAL

1. These regulations may be cited as the Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
   “carrier” means any person in whose body is carried the germs of an infectious disease;
   “contact” means any person who has been exposed to the risk of infection of an infectious disease whether from humans or animals or birds;
   “conveyance” includes all vessels, and all conveyances used wholly or in part for the carriage of freight;
   “infectious” means capable of transmitting an infectious disease;
   “isolation area” means an area the subject of an order made under regulation 24;
   “isolation order” means an order made under regulation 24;
   “isolation premises” means premises the subject of an order made under regulation 24;
   “sick person” means a person suffering from an infectious disease.

3. Where, under these regulations, a power is given to a health officer to do any act or thing the same may be done by any person acting under his direction.

PART II

NOTIFICATION

4. (1) Where any medical practitioner or medical officer has reason to suspect the existence of a case of an infectious disease or, in the case of death, that an infectious disease existed, he shall forthwith notify the Director of Medical and Health Services.

(2) A notification under paragraph (1)—
   (a) in the case of tuberculosis, shall be in accordance with Form 1 in the Schedule; and

Citation.
Interpretation.
G.N.A. 133/61.
L.N. 79/74.

Exercise of health officer's powers.
Medical practitioners to report infectious diseases.

L.N. 96/68.
Schedule, Form I.
(b) in the case of any other infectious disease, shall be in accordance with Form 2 in the Schedule, and shall be signed by the medical practitioner.

(2A) The Director of Medical and Health Services shall supply free copies of Form 1 and Form 2 upon request to medical practitioners and officers in charge of police stations.

(3) A medical practitioner, other than a Government medical officer, shall be entitled to receive the sum of $2 in respect of any notification made under paragraph (1):

Provided that such sum shall be payable only in respect of the first notification of an infectious disease.

(4) Where a medical practitioner confirms or disproves the existence of any infectious disease, concerning which he had notified the Director of Medical and Health Services, he shall forthwith report the said confirmation or disproof to the Director of Medical and Health Services.

5. (1) Where any person, not under the care of a medical practitioner is known to be suffering or to have died from any infectious disease a report thereof shall forthwith be made to—

(a) a health officer; or

(b) a police officer on duty at the nearest police station or the medical officer in charge of the nearest public dispensary or to any health inspector, who in turn shall inform the health officer.

(2) Such report shall be made by—

(a) in the case of an inmate of any premises—

(i) the occupier or keeper of such premises; or

(ii) the nearest adult relative living on such premises; or

(iii) any person in charge of or in attendance on the sick person or dead body; or

(b) any person having knowledge of the case of an infectious disease.

6. Where any sick person is in any hotel, boarding house or common lodging-house the keeper of such institution shall forthwith make a report to any of the persons mentioned in regulation 5(1).

7. (1) Any person who—

(a) being required by these regulations to make a report concerning any infectious disease, or any death therefrom, neglects without reasonable excuse to make such report with the least practicable delay; or
(b) knowingly furnishes any information which is false concerning any such disease or death, shall be liable to a fine of $500.

(2) Any person charged with an offence under this regulation shall be presumed to have known of the existence of the infectious disease, unless he shows to the satisfaction of the court that he had no such knowledge and could not with reasonable diligence have obtained such knowledge.

PART III

SICK AND INFECTED PERSONS

8. A health officer authorized in writing in that behalf by the Director of Medical and Health Services and any person authorized by such health officer may enter and where necessary, in the presence of a police officer, break into any premises for the purpose of—

(a) ascertaining whether there is therein any sick person or any contact or carrier; or

(b) examining any dead body where the health officer has reason to believe that the cause of death has not been certified by a medical practitioner, or has doubt as to the diagnosis certified,

and may cause any such person or dead body to be examined.

9. A health officer may—

(a) carry out a medical examination on, and for that purpose detain, any person whom he has reason to believe is a sick person, contact or carrier; and

(b) carry out a post-mortem examination on, and for that purpose remove to a mortuary or other suitable place, any dead body where he has reason to believe that infectious disease existed therein at the time of death.

10. A health officer may remove any sick person, contact or carrier to an infectious diseases hospital or such other place as he may appoint.

11. (1) A health officer may permit in writing a sick person, contact or carrier to be treated elsewhere than in an infectious diseases hospital.

(2) The health officer may endorse on such permit such conditions as he deems necessary, and such conditions shall be complied with by all persons having charge of the sick person, contact or carrier.
12. Any person removed to an infectious diseases hospital or other place under regulation 10 may be detained there until, in the opinion of the medical officer in charge of such infectious diseases hospital or other place, such person is no longer infectious.

13. No person shall enter an infectious diseases hospital or other place appointed by a health officer under regulation 10 without the permission of such health officer or the medical officer in charge of such infectious diseases hospital or other place.

PART IV

RESTRICTIONS ON EXPOSURE OR TRANSPORT OF SICK PERSONS AND OF DISPOSAL OF INFECTED DEAD BODIES

14. (1) No person knowing he is a sick person shall, and no person having the care of any person whom he has reason to believe is a sick person shall permit that person to—

(a) expose other persons to the risk of infection by his presence or conduct in any street, public place, place of entertainment or assembly, club, or hotel, or by carrying on any trade, business or occupation;

(b) enter any public conveyance used for the carriage of passengers at separate fares except with the permission in writing of a health officer and subject to such conditions as he may specify;

(c) enter any other kind of public conveyance without first informing the owner, driver, or conductor of the fact that he is a person so suffering.

(2) No person knowing he is suffering from plague, small-pox, cholera, louse-borne typhus or louse-borne relapsing fever shall travel in any conveyance other than an ambulance except with the permission in writing of a health officer and subject to such conditions as he may specify.

(3) Except as herein provided no owner or conductor of a public conveyance used for the carriage of passengers at separate fares shall convey therein any person whom he has reason to believe is a sick person.

15. Any owner or driver of any conveyance who carries any person whom he has reason to believe is a sick person shall forthwith report the matter to a health officer, or other person specified in regulation 5(1).

16. No person shall, except with the consent and under the direction of a health officer knowingly give, lend, sell, pawn, transmit, remove or expose any bedding, clothing or other article which he has reason to believe has become infectious.
17. (1) Every dead body in which there existed an infectious disease at the time of death shall be buried or cremated at the burial or cremation ground set apart therefor, or at such other place as the health officer may direct.

(2) Persons carrying out such disposal privately shall comply with the directions of the health officer in relation to disinfection, and the time, route and method of removing the dead body to the burial or cremation ground.

(3) Where no person undertakes the private disposal of such a dead body, the health officer shall cause it to be disposed of.

18. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any place other than in a burial or cremation ground in which it may be lawfully buried or cremated as the case may be, any dead body in which there existed an infectious disease at the time of death.

PART V

DISINFECTION AND CLEANSING

19. (1) Where it appears to a health officer that any infectious disease exists or has existed in any building he may with the approval of the Director of Medical and Health Services—

(a) by an order in writing served on the owners of such building require the same to be disinfected, disinfected and deratted to his satisfaction within the time specified in such order;

(b) for such purpose close the building; and

(c) remove any person under the powers conferred by regulation 10.

(2) No person shall occupy any building which has been closed under this regulation.

20. Where in the opinion of a health officer it is necessary as a prevention of the introduction or spread of any infectious disease he may with the approval of the Director of Medical and Health Services by order in writing served on the owners of any well, require the same to be filled up, cleansed or disinfected to his satisfaction within the time specified in such order.

21. Where an order made under regulation 19 or 20 is not complied with within the time specified therein, the health officer and any person authorized by him may enter and where necessary, in the presence of a police officer, break into any premises
for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of such order. The cost of such work may be recovered from the owner of the building as if it were a debt due to the Crown.

22. Where it appears to a health officer that any conveyance is, or may have become infectious in respect of plague, cholera, smallpox, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever, he may disinfect, disinfest and derat such conveyance.

23. Where it appears to a health officer that any clothing, bedding or personal effects are, or may have become infectious he may—

(a) disinfect and disinfest the same; or

(b) with the approval of the Director of Medical and Health Services destroy the same.

PART VI

ISOLATION OF AREAS AND PREMISES

24. (1) Whenever, having regard to the circumstances, the Director of Medical and Health Services considers it expedient for the prevention of the spread of any infectious disease, he may order the isolation of any particular area or premises.

(2) An isolation order may require the complete isolation of any area or premises subject thereto or may require such degree of isolation or be subject to such conditions or limitations as the Director of Medical and Health Services may consider sufficient to prevent the spread of the infectious disease in question.

(3) An isolation order may be issued in such form or in such manner as, having regard to the circumstances, the Director of Medical and Health Services considers best suited to bring the terms of such order to the notice of the public.

25. No person shall enter or leave any isolation area or isolation premises, or bring into or take out of any such area or premises any conveyance, animal, bird, food or thing, except with the express permission in writing of a health officer or in accordance with the terms of the isolation order issued in respect of such area or premises.

26. If any animal, bird, food or other thing is brought into or taken out of any isolation area or isolation premises in contravention of any of the provisions of regulation 25, such animal, bird, food or thing may be seized by a health officer and may in his discretion forthwith be destroyed or be disinfected or disinfected as the case may require.
27. Any power conferred upon a health officer by any of the provisions of this Part may be exercised by any person acting under his lawful direction.

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS

28. No person shall resist or obstruct in the execution of his duties any health officer or person acting under his directions.

29. Any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with the provisions of regulation 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25 or 28 shall be liable to a fine of $1,000 and 6 months imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

[reg. 4.] L.N. 96/68.

FORM 1

QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE ORDINANCE

PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGULATIONS

Notification of Tuberculosis

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| Place of Work: | |
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| School Attended: | |

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Does patient have a history of past treatment for tuberculosis? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, please state the YEAR in which he first received treatment: ...........................................

Notified under the Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulation

by ........................................ on ........................................ 19........

(Signature of Notifying Doctor) (Date of Notification)

For Official Use

NAME in BLOCK LETTERS ...........................................

(PLEASE DELFTE whichever is not applicable):
"I will arrange for examination of contacts myself."
"Please arrange for examination of contacts to be done by the Government Chest Service."

Further Remarks:

DUPLICATE (Tuberculosis Notification)

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FORM 2
QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE
ORDINANCE
PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGULATIONS
Notification of Infectious Diseases other than Tuberculosis

Name

For office use

No. Character

Address

Sex

Place of Work:

Age

School Attended:

Disease Suspected on
Confirmed

Hospital sent to (if any)

If a case of malaria,
(a) Recurrent or fresh case?
(b) Vivax, falciparum or malariae infection?
(c) Has the patient had malaria before?
(d) When was the last attack?
(e) Has the patient been outside the Urban Area (i.e. Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and New Kowloon) recently? If so, where and when?

Notified under the Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations
by .............................................. on ................................., 19 .......
(Signature of Notifying Doctor) (Date)

Name (in block letters)

Remarks:

DUPLICATE

Name ..............................................
Address ..............................................
Disease .......................................... Date ................................., 19 .......