STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 269

PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1974

Made - - - -	*20th February* 1974
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Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1974

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of powers conferred by section 143 of the Public Health Act 1936(**a**) and now vested in him (**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and, so far as they apply to officers of customs and excise, with the consent of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and, so far as they apply to signals, with the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order the expression "regulations of 1970" means the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1970(**c**).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the regulations of 1970

3. Regulation 2 (definitions) of the Regulations of 1970 shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) for the definition of "authorised officer" there shall be substituted the following:—

"authorised officer" means the medical officer, the proper officer, as described by paragraph 13 of Schedule 14 of the Local Government Act 1972(**e**), or any other officer authorised by the health authority under regulation 4, to enforce and execute any of these regulations;

(*b*) for the definition of "district" there shall be substituted the following:—
"district means—

(i) a port health district;

(**a**) 1936 c. 49.
(**b**) The Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968, Article 2, S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585) (which transferred all functions of the Minister of Health to the Secretary of State). (**c**) S.I. 1970/1881 (1970 III, p. 6192). (**d**) 1889 c. 63.
(**e**) 1972 c. 70.

(ii) a London borough or a district which abuts on waters forming part of a port established for the purposes of the enactments relating to customs but not within the jurisdiction of a port health authority, and includes the waters on which it so abuts;"

(*c*) in the definition of "excepted area" the territory of Spain shall be included;

(*d*) for the definition of "immigration officer" there shall be substituted the following:—

"immigration officer" means any person appointed to act as an immigration officer under the Immigration Act 1971**(a)**;

(*e*) for the definition of "International Health Regulations" there shall be substituted the following:—

"International Health Regulations" means the International Health Regulations adopted by the 22nd World Health Assembly in 1969 as amended by the 26th World Health Assembly in 1973;

(*f*) in the definition of "medical officer" the words "of health" shall be deleted;

(*g*) for the definition of "valid International Vaccination Certificate" there shall be substituted the following:—

"valid International Vaccination Certificate means a certificate of vaccination or revaccination against smallpox which—

(i) being issued not later than 31st March 1974 is in the form required by the regulations of 1970 or a form substantially to the same effect; or

(ii) being issued on or after 1st April 1974 is in the form laid down and conforms with the rules as to validity contained in the amended schedules 4 and 5 to these regulations as the case may be."

4. In regulations 5(a) 6, 10(1)(*b*), 18(2) and 38(*a*), (*b*) and (*d*), the words "of health" shall be deleted where they appear after the words "medical officer".

5. In regulation 34(*d*) the words "may allow" shall be inserted before the words "a person" in line 2 of the sub-paragraph and the words "may be allowed" in line 3 shall be deleted.

6. In regulation 39(2) the sum of two hundred pounds shall be substituted for one hundred pounds.

7. For regulation 44 there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"44. Nothing in these regulations shall affect the Immigration Act 1971".

8. For part II of Schedule 4 of the regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

(a) 1971 c. 77.

"PART II CHOLERA

Regulations 9(5)

Infected ships and suspected ships

(1) The medical officer

(*a*) may place under surveillance any person who disembarks from a ship, the period of surveillance being reckoned from the date of disembarkation from the ship.

(*b*) shall be responsible for the supervision of the removal and safe disposal of any water, food (excluding cargo), human dejecta, waste water, including bilge water, waste matter, and any other matter which is considered to be contaminated, and shall be responsible for the disinfection of water tanks and food handling equipment.

(2) Foodstuffs carried as cargo on board ships in which a case of cholera has occurred during the journey, may not be subjected to bacteriological examination except by the health authorities of the country of final destination."

9. For Schedule 5 there shall be substituted the following:—

Regulations 2(1) and 9(3)

SCHEDULE 5

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION OR REVACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

CERTIFICAT INTERNATIONAL DE VACCINATION OU DE REVACCINATION CONTRE LA VARIOLE

Date	Show by "x" whether Indiquer par "x" s'il s'agit de	Signature and Professional status of vaccinator. Signature et titre du vaccinateur	Manufacturer and batch no. of vaccine. Fabricant du vaccin et numéro du lot	Approved stamp. Cachet autorisé
1a	Primary vaccination performed / Primo vaccination effectuée			1a
1b	Read as successful / Prise			1b
	Unsuccessful / Pas de prise			
2	Revaccination			2
3	Revaccination			3

RULES The validity of this certificate shall extend for a period of three years, beginning eight days after the date of a successful primary vaccination or, in the event of a revaccination, on the date of that revaccination. The approved stamp mentioned overleaf must be in a form prescribed by the health administration of the territory in which the vaccination is performed. The certificate must be signed in his own hand by a medical practitioner or other person authorized by the national health administration; his official stamp is not an accepted substitute for his signature. Any amendment of this certificate, or erasure, or failure to complete any part of it, may render it invalid. La validité de ce certificat couvre une période de trois ans commençant huit jours après la date de la primo-vaccination effectuée avec succès (prise) où, dans le cas d'une revaccination, le jour de cette revaccination. Le cachet autorisé doit être conforme au modèle prescrit par l'administration sanitaire du territoire où la vaccination est effectuée. Ce certificat doit être signé par un médecin de sa propre main ou une autre personne habilitée par l'administration sanitaire nationale, son cachet officiel ne pouvant être considéré comme tenant lieu de signature. Toute correction ou rature sur le certificat ou l'omission d'une quelconque des mentions qu'il comporte peut affecter sa validité.	INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION OR REVACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX CERTIFICAT INTERNATIONAL DE VACCINATION OU DE REVACCINATION CONTRE LA VARIOLE This is to certify that Je soussigné(e) certifie que Name..... ..... Nom Date of birth..... Sex..... Né(e) le Sexe Whose signature follows Dont la signature suit has on the date indicated overleaf been vaccinated or revaccinated against smallpox, with a freeze-dried or liquid vaccine certified to fulfil the recommended requirements of the World Health Organisation. A été vacciné(e) ou revacciné(e) contre la variole à la date indiqueé au verso, avec un vaccin lyophilisé ou liquide certifié conforme aux normes recommandées par l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé.

10. The existing Schedule 6 of the regulations shall be deleted.

Keith Joseph,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

20th February 1974.

We consent.

E. A. Knight,

Commissioner of Customs and Excise.

20th February 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1970, which provide for public health control over ships arriving in or leaving England and Wales.

The amendments which relate to the methods to be used for dealing with cholera are also intended to ensure conformity with the amended International Health Regulations of the World Health Assembly which operate from 1st January 1974. The amendments also deal with changes brought about by the reorganisation of the National Health Service and Local Government re-organisation both of which operate from 1st April 1974.

Other changes include the alteration of the status of Spain which has become one of the "excepted territories".

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