1952 No. 704

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952

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Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1952

The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under sections 143 and 283 of the Public Health Act, 1936(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1952.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"district" includes the City of London and a metropolitan borough; and "local authority" includes the Common Council of the City of London and the council of a metropolitan borough.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as though these regulations and the regulations thereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930(**c**), are hereby revoked.

3. These regulations shall be enforced and executed in every district by the local authority thereof.

4. Every local authority shall send a copy of these regulations to each medical practitioner who after due enquiry is ascertained to be practising within their district.

5. Every medical practitioner who forms the opinion from evidence other than evidence derived solely from tuberculin tests that a person is suffering from tuberculosis shall, as soon as he forms that opinion, send to the medical officer of health of the district in which the person is living at the time a certificate in the form set out in the first schedule to these regulations.

6. If a medical officer of health of a district receives a certificate under these regulations in respect of a person living in the district at the time but ordinarily resident in another district, he shall forthwith furnish the medical officer of health of that other district with full particulars of the case.

7. Subsection (2) of section 144 and sections 145 and 146 of the Public Health Act, 1936, being enactments relating to the notification of disease, shall apply to tuberculosis, save that the said subsection (2) shall so apply as modified and set out in the second schedule to these regulations, and sections 145 and 146 shall so apply subject to the modifications made by the said schedule.

8. A certificate required to be sent to a medical officer of health in pursuance of these regulations shall be sent in such a manner that during its transmission its contents cannot be observed.

(**a**) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 49. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1930/572; Rev. XVIII, p. 779; 1930, p. 1512.

9. Every notification and every document relating to a person notified under these regulations shall be regarded as confidential, save for the purpose of compliance with the requirements of these regulations.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form of Certificate

To the Medical Officer of Health of.....

I hereby certify and declare that in my opinion.....(1)

of.....(2) is suffering from tuberculosis.

Age of person..... Sex..... Occupation or .....

description .....

Organ or part affected.....

Place of ordinary residence if different from that at (2) above.....

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Signed.....

Address .....

Dated the..... day of ..... 19.....

(1) Insert full name.

(2) Insert full address of place where person is living at the time.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Public Health Act, 1936

Section 144 (2). Any medical practitioner who fails to send a certificate which he is required by the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, to send shall be liable to a fine not exceeding forty shillings.

Section 145. References in this section to section 144 shall be read as references to these regulations.

Section 146. At the end of subsection (1), there shall be substituted for the words "had it occurred in a building in private occupation" the words "had the case been one occurring in private practice".

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.)

Harry Crookshank,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations revoke the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930, and make similar provision for the notification of tuberculosis modified to accord with the structure and administration of the services now being provided under the National Health Service Acts.