STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1962 No. 2582

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.

ENGLAND AND WALES

The Registration of Deaths (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1962

Made - - - - *26th November* 1962
Coming into Operation *1st December* 1962

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by paragraph (*a*) of section 39 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Minister of Health, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Registration of Deaths (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1962; and these regulations and the Registration (Births, Still-births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1953 and 1960(b) may be cited together as the Registration (Births, Still-births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1953 to 1962.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on 1st December 1962.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the Registration (Births, Still-births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1953

3. For the tenth schedule to the Registration (Births, Still-births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1953 (which prescribes the form of medical certificate of cause of death) there shall be substituted the schedule to these regulations.

Saving for existing forms

4. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, any form lawfully used immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations as a form of medical certificate of cause of death under section 22 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 may be used for the like purpose until 31st December 1963.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 20. (b) S.I. 1953/1347, 1960/1603 (1953 II, p. 1739; 1960 III, p. 2837).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

SCHEDULE

FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, section 22(1)]

Name of deceased .....

Date of death as stated to me.....day of.....19... Age as stated to me.....

Place of Death.....

Last seen alive by me.....day of.....19...

* { 1 The certified cause of death takes account of information obtained from post-mortem.
2 Information from post-mortem may be available later.
3 Post-mortem not being held. }

* { *a* Seen after death by me.
b Seen after death by another medical practitioner but not by me.
c Not seen after death by a medical practitioner. }

CAUSE OF DEATH		These particulars not to be entered in death register. Approximate interval between onset and death.
I Disease or condition directly leading to death†	(*a*) ..... due to (or as a consequence of)	.....
Antecedent causes. Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause stating the underlying condition last.	(*b*) ..... due to (or as a consequence of)	.....
	(*c*)	.....
II Other significant conditions, contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it.	.....	.....
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I hereby certify that I was in medical attendance during the above-named deceased's last illness, and that the particulars and cause of death above written are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature ..... Qualifications as registered by Medical Council .....

Residence.....Date.....

* Please ring appropriate digit and letter.

† This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.; it means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

Given under my hand on 26th November 1962.

E. M. T. Firth,
Registrar General.

I approve.

J. Enoch Powell,
Minister of Health.

26th November 1962.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Registration (Births, Still-births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations 1953. They prescribe a revised form of medical certificate of cause of death, to be used by medical practitioners under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.