VENEREAL DISEASES.

Rules.

THE VENEREAL DISEASES (NORTHERN IRELAND) RULES, 1943, DATED 13TH MARCH, 1943, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 33B OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1943. No. 34.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Regulation 33B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, hereby makes the following rules :—

1. These rules may be cited as the Venereal Diseases (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1943.

2. A notice under paragraph (1) of Regulation 33B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a notice under paragraph (2) of that Regulation and a treatment notice under that Regulation shall be in the respective forms, and as regards a notice under the said paragraph (1) shall give the particulars, set out in the schedule to these rules and headed respectively Form 1, Form 2 and Form 3 or in a form substantially to the like effect approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

Confidential. FORM 1.

DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS—REGULATION 33B.

NOTICE OF SUSPECTED SOURCE OF INFECTION.

PART I.

Particulars of patient suffering from venereal disease.

Full name .....

Address .....

Disease .....

PART II.

* Particulars of person from whom the patient named in Part I suspects that the disease was contracted.

Name (if known) .....

Address (if known) .....

Other Identifying Particulars (if name or address unknown) .....

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Date ....., Signed .....
(name of special practitioner)

This notice must be sent to the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health of the County Borough in which the address given in Part II of the notice is situated

or

To the registered medical practitioner designated for the purposes of Regulation 33B by the Ministry of Home Affairs as Medical Officer of Health of the County in which the address given in Part II of the notice is situated.

The envelope in which it is sent must be marked "Strictly Confidential."

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* Before the patient is asked to give detailed information as to the suspected source of infection his attention must be drawn to the notes overleaf.

Notes for Information of Patients.

1. All information given by patients as to the suspected source of infection will be treated as strictly confidential.

2. No proceedings for libel or slander will lie against any patient with regard to information so given in good faith.

3. It is an offence under the Defence Regulations to make any statement as to the suspected source of infection which is known to be false in a material particular. The maximum penalties incurred are, on summary conviction, three months' imprisonment or a fine of £100, or both imprisonment and fine.

FORM 2.

DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS—REGULATION 33B.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT TO MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

To .....

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(name and address)

I have received information in pursuance of the above Regulation which gives reason to believe that you may require treatment in respect of venereal disease. In accordance with paragraph (2) of the above Regulation I hereby require you to attend for and submit to medical examination by a special practitioner within .....days of the receipt of this notice, and to send to me within ten days of the date of this notice a certificate signed by a special practitioner showing that you have complied with the requirements of this notice.

You may obtain medical examination, and (if necessary) any subsequent treatment, free of charge, from the following special practitioner(s) :—

Name.	Address.	Hours.
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You should read carefully the explanatory notes overleaf.

Date..... Signed.....

(Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.
Designated Medical Officer of Health for
County .....)
(Delete as necessary)

Address .....

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Explanatory Notes.

1. When you receive this notice it is your duty to be examined by a "special practitioner" within the period stated in the notice. It is not enough to go to any doctor for examination—you must go to a "special practitioner".

2. A "special practitioner" means—

(*a*) a registered medical practitioner who is in clinical charge of a treatment centre established by, or in receipt of a grant from a Local Authority for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases, or

(*b*) a Medical Officer of any of H.M. Forces employed for the time being as a specialist in venereal diseases, or

(*c*) any other registered medical practitioner who is for the time being designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a special practitioner for the purpose of the Regulation.

The names and addresses of "special practitioners" near your home are given in this notice, from whom you may obtain free examination and treatment if necessary.

3. When you go for examination, you should show this notice to the "special practitioner" and ask him for a certificate that you have attended for examination. It is your duty to send this certificate to the appropriate Medical Officer of Health at the address shown in this notice within ten days of the date of the notice. To make sure that the certificate reaches him, you should send it by registered post and mark the envelope on the outside "Strictly Confidential".

4. The "special practitioner" who examines you will either give you a further notice requiring you to attend for further examination or treatment; or he will tell you that you are free from venereal disease in a communicable form. If he tells you that you are not suffering from venereal diseases, and that he is sending a certificate to that effect to the appropriate Medical Officer of Health, you will no longer be required to attend for examination or treatment.

5. If you cannot afford the travelling expenses involved in attending a special practitioner at a treatment centre, you should tell him the position and ask for the repayment of your expenses.

6. All information obtained in connection with your examination or treatment is regarded as strictly confidential by all concerned.

7. The maximum penalties for failing to comply with any requirements of this notice are, on summary conviction, three months' imprisonment or a fine of £100, or both imprisonment and fine.

FORM 3.

DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS—REGULATION 33B.

TREATMENT NOTICE.

To .....

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(name and address)

Whereas you have been required by the * Medical Superintendent Officer of Health of the County Borough of.....or the designated Medical Officer of Health of County.....by notice given on .....under paragraph (2) of Regulation 33B to submit to medical examination, and you have been examined by me in accordance with the requirements of that notice: now therefore I hereby require you to attend for and submit to further examination and treatment in accordance with such directions as I (or any other special practitioner to whom you may formally have transferred) may give to you from time to time, until you are able to furnish to the * Medical Superintendent Officer of Health of the County Borough or the designated Medical Officer of Health of the County in which you then reside a certificate given by a special practitioner certifying that you are not suffering from a venereal disease in a communicable form.

You should read carefully the explanatory notes overleaf.

Signed.....
(name of special practitioner).

Date..... Address.....

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* Delete as necessary.

Explanatory Notes.

1. When you are given this notice, it is your duty to attend for further medical examination and treatment until you are certified free from venereal disease in a communicable form. You must follow carefully the directions given to you by the special practitioner.

2. At any time during your course of examination or treatment you are free to change the special practitioner you attend—for example, if you go to live at another address. If you do this, it is your duty under Regulation 33B—

(*a*) to send to the special practitioner you have been attending a transfer notice, stating your intention to attend another special practitioner whose name and address must be stated;

(*b*) if you are changing your own address, to state your new address;

(*c*) to attend the new special practitioner named in the transfer notice within seven days of giving the notice; and

(*d*) to follow the directions given to you by the special practitioner named in the transfer notice.

3. When he is satisfied that you are free from venereal disease in a communicable form, the special practitioner whom you are attending will give you a certificate, which you must send to the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health of the County Borough or the designated Medical Officer of Health of the County in which you are then living. You will then no longer be required to attend a special practitioner for examination or treatment.

4. All information obtained in connection with your examination or treatment is regarded as strictly confidential by all concerned.

5. The maximum penalties for failing to comply with any requirements of Regulation 33B are, on summary conviction, three months' imprisonment or a fine of £100, or both imprisonment and fine.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this thirteenth day of March, 1943, in the presence of .....

(L.S.) *John Dunlop*,
Assistant Secretary.

VESSELS ON INLAND WATERS.

Immobilisation.

THE VESSELS ON INLAND WATERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1943, DATED 20TH MAY, 1943, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 19C OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

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