
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1354

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,
DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.**

ENGLAND AND WALES

The Removal of Bodies (Amendment) Regulations 1971

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th August 1971</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st October 1971</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 9 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Removal of Bodies (Amendment) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations the expression “the principal regulations” means the Removal of Bodies Regulations 1954(1).

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

Endorsement of certificate for cremation

3. For regulation 5(2) of the principal regulations (which provides for the coroner's endorsement of the certificate for cremation where notice is given of intention to cremate the body in Scotland or the Channel Islands) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(2) Any coroner's order for burial or certificate for cremation sent to the coroner under regulation 4 of these regulations shall be retained by him unless he is notified in writing by the person wishing to remove the body out of England that it is intended that the body shall be cremated in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, in which

(1) (1954 II, p. 1915).

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case the coroner shall endorse the certificate with words to the effect that it shall henceforth be valid only for cremation in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, as the case may be, and return it to the person receiving the acknowledgement of the receipt of notice under sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this regulation.”

Notice of intention to remove a body out of England

4. For the first schedule to the principal regulations (which sets out the form of notice of intention to remove a body out of England) there shall be substituted the following schedule:—

“FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM OF NOTICE TO A CORONER OF INTENTION TO REMOVE A BODY OUT OF ENGLAND

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

6th August 1971

Aberdare
Minister of State
Department of Health and Social Security

I concur,

12th August 1971

R. Maudling
Secretary of State for the Home Department

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The principal regulations require notice to be given to a coroner by a person intending to remove a body out of England and require the coroner to endorse a cremation certificate to make it valid for cremation in Scotland or the Channel Islands. These regulations provide for a coroner to make a cremation certificate valid for cremation in Northern Ireland or the Isle of Man. They also provide that the notice shall state to which country it is intended to remove the body.