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**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,  
MARRIAGES, ETC.****ENGLAND AND WALES****The Removal of Bodies (Amendment) Regulations 1971***Made* - - - 12th August 1971*Coming into Operation* 1st October 1971

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 9 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926(a), 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(b).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c), 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 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.”

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(a) 1926 c. 48.

(b) S.I. 1954/448 (1954 II, p. 1915).

(c) 1889 c. 63.

*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

To the Coroner for .....  
 I/We .....  
 of (full postal address).....  
 .....  
 in pursuance of section 4 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926, hereby  
 give you notice that I/we intend to remove out of England the body, now lying  
 within your jurisdiction at .....  
 .....  
 (Here state address or place where body is lying)  
 of ..... deceased, who  
 died at (or whose body was found at) .....  
 ..... on .....  
 — and I/we deliver herewith the certificate for disposal given by the registrar of  
 births and deaths.\*  
 — and I/we deliver herewith the coroner's order for burial or certificate for  
 cremation of the deceased.\*  
 — and I/we declare that it is intended to remove the body to Scotland/Northern  
 Ireland/the Channel Islands/the Isle of Man and to cremate it there.\*  
 — and I/we declare that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief no certifi-  
 cate for disposal has been given by a registrar of births and deaths in England  
 or Wales and no coroner's order for burial or certificate for cremation has been  
 issued.\*  
 — and I/we declare that the death took place out of England and Wales.\*  
 † You are requested to send any communication regarding this notice to:—  
 (Name) .....  
 Full postal address .....  
 Signature of person giving notice .....  
 Date.....

\*Delete where inapplicable.

†This paragraph is for use only where the person giving notice desires the coroner's acknowledgment to be sent to some other person.

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

*Aberdare,*  
 Minister of State,  
 Department of Health and Social Security.

6th August 1971.

I concur,

*R. Maudling,*  
 Secretary of State for the Home Department.

12th August 1971.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

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.

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