

2.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and these Regulations and the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 shall be construed together and may be cited together as the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937 and 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 12th day of July, 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.)

*Thos. Elwood,*  
Assistant Secretary.

### Notification of Infectious Diseases

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948, DATED 22ND DECEMBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1948. No. 324

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, (a), the Public Health Act, 1896, (b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 and shall come into operation on the second day of January, 1949, and shall then and thereafter apply and have effect throughout Northern Ireland and shall be enforced and executed by every health authority.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, except where the contrary intention appears :—

“health authority” means a health authority constituted under the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

“medical officer of health” means in respect of a county an assistant medical officer appointed by a health authority under the terms of section 10 (1) (c) of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and in respect of a county borough, the medical officer of health for the county borough.

(a) 41 & 42 Vic., C.52. (b) 59 & 60 Vic., C.19.

"medical practitioner" means any person for the time being registered under the Medical Acts.

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland.

"district" means a county borough, borough, urban, or rural district.

"food poisoning" means disease of the human body due to the bacterial infection of food or drink whether the disease follows the multiplication within the body of pathogenic organisms contained in the food or drink or whether it follows the ingestion of food or drink in which poisonous substances have been formed as the result of bacterial proliferation.

"rheumatic fever" includes chorea.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (a) shall apply for the purpose of interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

#### REVOCATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION OF PROVISION OF ACTS AND ORDERS

3.—(1) The Public Health (Notification of Measles and Whooping Cough) Northern Ireland Regulations, 1932, (b) and the Public Health (Notification of Acute Gastro-Enteritis) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947, (c) are hereby revoked.

(2) The provisions as to notification contained in these Regulations shall have effect in substitution for any provisions contained in any Order made by any local authority under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, (d) providing for the notification to the medical officer of health of any of the diseases listed in the First Schedule to these Regulations occurring in the district of the local authority.

#### NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF REGULATIONS

4. The health authority of the county or county borough shall forthwith cause notice to be given to all medical practitioners resident or practising within the county or county borough of the duties imposed upon them by these Regulations.

#### NOTIFICATION BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

5. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, every medical practitioner, as soon as he becomes aware that a person upon whom he is in professional attendance is suffering from any of the diseases included in the First Schedule to these Regulations, shall forthwith transmit a notification thereof in the form prescribed for the purpose of certificates under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, (d)

(a) 12 Geo., 5 C.4 (N.I.) (b) S. R. & O. 1932 No. 116.

(c) S. R. & O. 1947 No. 120. (d) 52 & 53 Vic. C.72

to the medical officer of health of the district within which he is attending such person at the date of such notification:

Provided that notification shall not be required where the person suffering from measles is a second or subsequent case in a household within a period of two months from the first notification or in the case of a person suffering from whooping cough where such person is a second or subsequent case in a household within a period of three months from the first notification.

#### SUPPLY OF FORMS OF NOTIFICATION

6. For the purposes of these Regulations every health authority shall provide and maintain a sufficient supply of printed copies of the forms of notification, and shall from time to time when application is made to them, furnish printed copies of the said forms to every medical practitioner practising within the county or county borough as the case may be.

#### TRANSMISSION OF NOTIFICATIONS

7. A notification to be transmitted to a medical officer of health in pursuance of these Regulations shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to that officer, and may be transmitted by being delivered to him or by being delivered at his office or residence, or may be sent by prepaid letter post addressed to him at his office or at his residence :

Provided that the requirement herein contained that a notification shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope shall be deemed to be complied with if the notification is folded in such a manner that during its transmission the particulars of the notification cannot be observed.

#### FEES FOR NOTIFICATIONS

8.—(1) The health authority shall pay to every medical practitioner a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each notification duly made, signed and transmitted by him under these Regulations, if the case occurs either in the course of his providing general medical services under the Health Services (Northern Ireland) Act, 1948 or in his private practice.

(2) Every fee shall be paid as soon as practicable after the end of the quarter in which the notification was sent and the health authority shall not require before payment an account of fees claimed under these Regulations.

(3) The said fees shall in each case be deemed to cover all expenses, including the cost of transmission.

#### DUTIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH

9. A medical officer of health on receipt of a notification under these Regulations in relation to a case occurring in a place which is not in his district shall forthwith forward the notification to the medical officer of health of the district in which the place is situated.

10. Upon receipt of a notification under these Regulations, or on becoming aware in any other way of a case or suspected case of any of the diseases listed in the First Schedule to these Regulations including any such case existing or occurring in an hospital the medical officer of health, for the county or county borough or an officer of the health authority acting under the instructions of such medical officer of health, shall make such inquiries and take such steps as are necessary or desirable for investigating the source of infection, for preventing the spread of infection and for removing conditions favourable to infection, and if no medical practitioner is in attendance on the patient, such medical officer of health shall also take such steps as are necessary or desirable for ascertaining the nature of the case.

11. The duties of a medical officer of health for a county or county borough on becoming aware of a case or cases in his district of food poisoning shall in addition to those set forth in Regulation 10 of these Regulations comprise the duties set forth in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-second day of December in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*Thos. Elwood,*

Assistant Secretary.

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#### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### DISEASES

1. Acute Encephalitis
2. Anthrax
3. Cerebro Spinal Fever
4. Encephalitis Lethargica
5. Food Poisoning — bacterial origin
6. Gastro-Enteritis (up to two years of age only)
7. Glandular Fever
8. Infective Hepatitis
9. Leptospiral Jaundice
10. Measles
11. Paratyphoid Fever
12. Pemphigus Neonatorum
13. Plague
14. Psittacosis
15. Rheumatic Fever
16. Trachoma
17. Undulant Fever
18. Vincent's Angina
19. Whooping Cough
20. Yellow Fever

## SECOND SCHEDULE

## FOOD POISONING

If a medical officer of health for a county or county borough has grounds for suspecting that any person in the district who is employed in any trade or business concerned with the preparation or handling of food or drink for human consumption is a carrier of food poisoning organisms, he shall report accordingly to the health authority, who may give notice in writing to the responsible manager of the trade or business concerned certifying that for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease they consider it necessary for their medical officer of health or a medical officer acting on his behalf to make a medical examination of such suspected person, and the responsible manager and all other persons concerned shall give to such medical officer all reasonable assistance in the matter.

### Prevention of Infectious and Epidemic Diseases

THE PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948, DATED 31ST JANUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1878 TO 1946, AND SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

1948. No. 29

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland) 1878 to 1946, and section one hundred and forty-three of the Public Health Act, 1936 (a) as extended to Northern Ireland and adapted by the Public Health (Northern Ireland) (Extension of Enactments) Order, 1939 (b) and the Ministries of Northern Ireland (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1945 (c) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, with the consent, so far as they apply to signals in the case of vessels, of the Minister of Transport and, with the consent, so far as they apply to officers of Customs and Excise, of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

#### PART I. — INTRODUCTORY

##### *Short Title*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Port Sanitary Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1948.

(a) 26 Geo., 5, and 1 Edw., 8, c. 49.  
 (b) S. R. & O. 1939, (No. 1438.) II, p. 2914.  
 (c) S. R. & O. 1945, (No. 1423.) I, p. 894.