



# Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 22

### <sup>F1</sup> PART II

#### CONTROL OF DISEASE

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (6.4.2010 for E. except in relation to ss. 13-15, 26.7.2010 for W. except in relation to ss. 13-15) by [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c. 14\)](#), ss. 130(1), 170(3), 170(4), [Sch. 15 Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2010/708](#), art. 6(b)(f) (with [Sch. 2](#)); [S.I. 2010/1547](#), art. 2(b)(f) (with [Sch. 1](#))

##### *General*

**<sup>F1</sup>10** Notifiable diseases.

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**<sup>F1</sup>11** Cases of notifiable disease and food poisoning to be reported.

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**<sup>F1</sup>12** Fees for certificates under s. 11.

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**13** Regulations for control of certain diseases.

[<sup>F1</sup>(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of State may, as respects the whole or any part of England and Wales, including coastal waters, make regulations—

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- (a) with a view to the treatment of persons affected with any epidemic, endemic or infectious disease and for preventing the spread of such diseases,
  - (b) for preventing danger to public health from vessels or aircraft arriving at any place, and
  - (c) for preventing the spread of infection by means of any vessel or aircraft leaving any place, so far as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying out any treaty, convention, arrangement or engagement with any other country.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, the Secretary of State may by any such regulations apply, with or without modifications, to any disease to which the regulations relate any enactment (including any enactment in this Act) relating to the notification of disease or to notifiable diseases.
- (3) Regulations made under this section may provide for—
- (a) the signals to be displayed by vessels or aircraft having on board any case of epidemic, endemic or infectious disease,
  - (b) the questions to be answered by masters, pilots and other persons on board any vessel or aircraft as to cases of such disease on board during the voyage or on arrival,
  - (c) requiring persons alighting from aircraft to answer questions pertaining to their state of health or their contact with infection,
  - (d) the detention of vessels or aircraft and of persons on board them,
  - (e) the duties to be performed in cases of such diseases by masters, pilots and other persons on board vessels or aircraft,
- and may authorise the making of charges and provide for the recovery of such charges and of any expenses incurred in disinfection.
- (4) Subject to section 14 below, regulations made under this section—
- (a) shall specify the authorities, whether county councils, [<sup>F2</sup>county borough councils,] local authorities, port health authorities, [<sup>F3</sup>Strategic Health Authorities,][<sup>F4</sup>[<sup>F5</sup>Local Health Boards], Special Health Authorities [<sup>F6</sup>, Primary Care Trusts][<sup>F7</sup>, National Health Service trusts or NHS foundation trusts]], by whom they are to be enforced and executed, and
  - (b) may also provide for their enforcement and execution by officers of customs and excise,
- but, in so far as they apply to officers of customs and excise, the regulations shall require the consent of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.
- (5) Subject to section 14 below, the following persons, that is to say—
- (a) authorised officers of any such authority as is specified by the regulations in accordance with subsection (4)(a) above, and
  - (b) officers of customs and excise,
- shall have power to enter any premises, vessel or aircraft for the purpose of executing, or superintending the execution of, regulations under this section.
- (6) The power to make regulations under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) Any expenses incurred by a county council under this section shall, if the Secretary of State by order so directs, be defrayed as special expenses charged on such part of the

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county as may be provided by the order, but such an order may be revoked or varied by a subsequent order.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 13(4)(a) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 22(3), **Sch. 9 para. 13(2)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 3, **Sch. 1**
- F3** Words in s. 13(4)(a) inserted (1.10.2002) by [The National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(Supplementary, Consequential etc. Provisions\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2469\)](#), **reg. 4**, {Sch. 1, para. 11(3)}
- F4** Words in s. 13(4)(a) substituted (28.6.1995 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 17, ss. 2(1)(3), 8(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 108(5)** (with Sch. 2 paras. 6, 16)
- F5** Words in s. 13(4)(a) substituted (1.4.2007) by [References to Health Authorities Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/961\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 14(5)**
- F6** Words in s. 13(4)(a) inserted (8.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/90, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 17(3)** (with art. 2(5))
- F7** Words in s. 13(4)(a) substituted (1.4.2004) by [Health and Social Care \(Community Health and Standards\) Act 2003 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 199(1)(4), **Sch. 4 para. 61**; S.I. 2004/759, art. 2

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 13 modified (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 2(1), 7(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (as amended (1.12.1997) by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 8, **Sch. 4 para. 11** Table)

## 14 Application of s. 13 to aerodromes.

[<sup>F1</sup>(1) In relation to aerodromes for the time being vested in or under the control of the Secretary of State, and in relation to aerodromes owned or managed by the Civil Aviation Authority . . . <sup>F8</sup>, and in relation to persons and aircraft arriving at or departing from any such aerodromes—

- (a) subsection (4) of section 13 above shall have effect as if, for paragraph (a) of that subsection, there were substituted the following paragraph—
- “(a) may provide for their enforcement and execution by officers designated for that purpose by the Secretary of State, and”,
- (b) so much of that subsection as requires the consent of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise shall not apply in relation to aerodromes for the time being vested in or under the control of the Secretary of State and aerodromes owned or managed by the Civil Aviation Authority, and
- (c) subsection (5) of that section shall have effect as if, for paragraph (a) of that subsection, there were substituted the following paragraph—
- “(a) officers designated in accordance with subsection (4)(a) above (as modified by section 14(1)(a) below, and”.

(2) In this section, “ aerodrome ” has the meaning given by section 105(1) of the <sup>M1</sup> Civil Aviation Act 1982. ]

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** Words repealed by [Airports Act 1986 \(c. 31, SIF 9\)](#), s. 83(5), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1982 c. 16.

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**15 Contravention of regulations under s. 13.**

[<sup>F1</sup>Any person who wilfully neglects or refuses to obey or carry out, or obstructs the execution of, any regulations made under section 13 above shall, in a case where no provision is made in the regulations for his punishment, be liable on summary conviction—

- (a) to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, and
- (b) in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding £50 for every day on which the offence continues after conviction.]

<sup>F1</sup>**16 Power of local authority to direct that other diseases notifiable.**

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<sup>F1</sup>**17 Exposure of persons and articles liable to convey notifiable disease.**

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<sup>F1</sup>**18 Information to be furnished by occupier in case of notifiable disease or food poisoning.**

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<sup>F1</sup>**19 Trading etc. by person with notifiable disease.**

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<sup>F1</sup>**20 Stopping of work to prevent spread of disease.**

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*Children*

<sup>F1</sup>**21 Exclusion from school of child liable to convey notifiable disease.**

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<sup>F1</sup>**22 List of day pupils at school having case of notifiable disease.**

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<sup>F1</sup>**23 Exclusion of children from places of entertainment or assembly.**

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*Infected articles*

<sup>F1</sup>**24 Infected articles not to be taken or sent to be washed or cleaned.**

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**F125 Library books.**

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**F126 Infectious matter not to be placed in dustbins.**

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**F127 Provision of disinfecting stations.**

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*Infected premises*

**F128 Prohibition of certain work on premises where notifiable disease exists.**

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**F129 Letting of house or room after recent case of notifiable disease.**

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**F130 Duty on ceasing to occupy house after recent case of notifiable disease.**

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**F131 Disinfection of premises.**

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**F132 Removal of person from infected house.**

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*Public conveyances*

**F133 Use of public conveyance by person with notifiable disease.**

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**F134 Duty of owner, driver or conductor of public conveyance.**

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*Infectious persons*

**F135 Medical examination.**

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**F136 Medical examination of group of persons believed to comprise carrier of notifiable disease.**

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**F137 Removal to hospital of person with notifiable disease.**

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**F138 Detention in hospital of person with notifiable disease.**

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*Common lodging–houses*

**F139 Keeper of common lodging–house to notify case of infectious disease.**

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**F140 Medical examination of inmates of common lodging–house.**

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**F141 Removal to hospital of inmate of common lodging–house with notifiable disease.**

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**F142 Closure of common lodging–house on account of notifiable disease.**

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*Death of person suffering from notifiable disease*

**F143 Person dying in hospital with notifiable disease.**

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**F144 Isolation of body of person dying with notifiable disease.**

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**F145 Restriction of wakes.**

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