
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 1146

CREMATION

The Cremation Regulations 1965

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section 7 of the Cremation Act 1902(a), as amended by section 2 of the Cremation Act 1952(b) and as extended by section 10 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926(c), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) In each of the following provisions of the Regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 7 of the Cremation Act 1902 and section 10 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926 and dated 28th October 1930(d) (hereafter in these Regulations referred to as “the principal Regulations”), for the word “held” there shall be substituted the word “opened”:—

- (a) Regulation 6;
- (b) Regulation 8(d);
- (c) Regulation 12(2);
- (d) Regulation 12(7);
- (e) Regulation 15.

(2) In Regulation 12(5) of the principal Regulations for the word “held” in the second place where it occurs and in Regulation 12(6) of the principal Regulations for the word “held” in the first and third places where it occurs there shall in each place be substituted the word “opened”.

2. In Regulation 7(3) of the principal Regulations, as set out in Regulation 1 of the Cremation Regulations 1952(e), for the words from “(a) a Member of Parliament;” to “he signed and” there shall be substituted the words “a householder to whom the applicant is known who”.

3. After Regulation 8(d) of the principal Regulations there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(e) In relation to a person whose body has undergone anatomical examination pursuant to the provisions of the Anatomy Act 1832(f), a certificate in Form H has been given by a person licensed under section 1 of that Act that the body has undergone such examination.”.

(a) 2 Edw. 7. c. 8.

(b) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 31

(c) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 48.

(d) S.R. & O. 1930/1016 (Rev. V, p. 283; 1930, p. 417).

(e) S.I. 1952/1568 (1952 I, p. 661).

(f) 2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 75.

4. In Regulation 20 of the principal Regulations, as amended(a), after the words "any part of such register" there shall be inserted "(a)" and after the word "relate" there shall be inserted the following words—

"(b) after two years if a photographic copy thereof is made.

Any such copy shall be retained until the expiration of the said period of fifteen years."

5. For Form E in the Schedule to the principal Regulations there shall be substituted Form 1 in the Schedule to these Regulations.

6. After Form G in the Schedule to the principal Regulations there shall be inserted Form 2 in the Schedule to these Regulations.

7. The following provisions of the principal Regulations are hereby revoked, namely—

(a) Regulation 4 (which prohibits the cremation of the body of a person who has left a written direction to the contrary);

(b) Regulation 5 (which prohibits the cremation of unidentified human remains);

(c) the proviso to Regulation 8(d) (which enables a coroner in certain circumstances to issue Form E before an inquest has been completed);

(d) Regulation 12(1) (which prohibits the cremation of the body of a person who has left a written direction to the contrary);

(e) Question 3 in Form A in the Schedule, as set out in the Schedule to the Cremation Regulations 1952, (which inquires whether the deceased had left any written directions as to the mode of disposal of his body).

8. These Regulations may be cited as the Cremation Regulations 1965 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1965.

Frank Soskice,

One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
15th May 1965.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

FORM E

Coroner's Certificate

I certify that:—

- * (a) I have opened an inquest on the body of the undermentioned deceased person:
- * (b) a post-mortem examination of the body of the undermentioned deceased person has been made by my direction or at my request and as a result thereof I am satisfied that an inquest is unnecessary.
- * Delete whichever is inapplicable.

I am satisfied that there are no circumstances likely to call for a further examination of the body.

(a) S.I. 1952/1568 (1952 I, p. 661).

PARTICULARS OF DECEASED PERSON

Full names (if known).....	
Sex	
Age	
Date of death	
Place of death	
Registration district and sub-district in which the death is to be registered	

Date..... Signature.....

Coroner for the..... of

Notification of Cremation

(Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926, s. 3(1))

This is to give notice that the body of
deceased, who died on..... at
was cremated on at

Signature.....
(Registrar of Crematorium)

Date.....

FORM 2

FORM H

Certificate of Anatomical Examination

I, (full name in block capitals)
am licensed to practice anatomy under the Anatomy Act 1832.

I certify that the body of—

Full name

Age..... Sex.....

who died on at
has undergone anatomical examination pursuant to the Anatomy Act 1832 at
(address of medical school or other place)

Signature.....

Date.....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Cremation Regulations 1930. Regulations 1, 5 and 7(c) enable a coroner to issue his certificate (Form E) after he has opened an inquest without waiting until the inquest has been completed. Regulation 2 provides that an application for cremation (Form A) may be countersigned by a householder to whom the applicant is known instead of by one of the limited classes of persons previously authorised. Regulations 3 and 6 enable a medical referee to authorise the cremation of a body which has undergone anatomical examination if a certificate to that effect has been given by a person licensed under the Anatomy Act 1832. Regulation 4 permits cremation records to be destroyed after two years if photographic copies of the records destroyed are retained. Regulation 7 revokes those Regulations which prohibited the cremation of the body of a person who had left a written direction to the contrary or the cremation of unidentified human remains.

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