
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1979

PART II

GENERAL

Enforcement and execution of regulations

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, it shall be the duty of the following authorities to enforce and execute these regulations;—

- (a) at a national airport, the Secretary of State, or if a local authority has undertaken duties at that aerodrome under section 18(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1949 or section 15(2) of the Airports Authority Act 1975, that local authority;
- (b) at an aerodrome maintained by the council of a county, that council;
- (c) at an aerodrome maintained by the council of a district, that council, or, if so agreed, upon terms and conditions approved by the Secretary of State between that council and any other council in whose county or district the aerodrome is wholly situated or any port health authority in whose district the aerodrome is wholly or partly situated, that other council or the port health authority;
- (d) at any other aerodrome—
 - (i) if it is wholly situated in a district or in a port health district, the council or port health authority of that district, or, if the Secretary of State so directs, the council of the county in which that district is situated;
 - (ii) if it extends into more than one district or into a port health district, and the Secretary of State so directs, the council of any county in which the aerodrome is wholly or partly situated, or, failing such direction, such one of the councils or the port health authority in whose district any part of the aerodrome is situated as those councils or the port health authority, as the case may be, may, upon terms and conditions approved by the Secretary of State agree, or, in the absence of agreement, such one of those councils or the port health authority as the Secretary of State may direct;
- (e) at any place other than an aerodrome—
 - (i) if it is situated in a port health district, the port health authority of that district;
 - (ii) if it is situated elsewhere than in a port health district, the council of the district in which the place is situated.

(2) The Secretary of State may attach such terms and conditions as he thinks fit to any direction given by him under this regulation.

(3) The Secretary of State shall exercise his functions as a responsible authority through such officers as may be designated for the purpose by him or (except in relation to aerodromes owned or managed by the British Airports Authority) by the Secretary of State for Trade.

(4) Every other responsible authority shall exercise its functions through the medical officer and such other officers as it may authorise in that behalf, and shall make such inquiries and take such other steps as may seem to it to be necessary for securing the proper exercise of those functions.

Appointment and duties of authorised officers and provision of services by responsible authorities

5. For the purposes of these regulations a responsible authority other than the Secretary of State may, and if so required by the Secretary of State shall—

- (a) appoint such medical practitioners, in addition to its medical officer, as may be necessary for the proper enforcement and execution of these regulations;
- (b) give directions from time to time as to the duties which are to be performed by any medical practitioner so appointed or any other officer authorised to enforce and execute these regulations;
- (c) at or in connection with a customs airport, provide or arrange for the provision of—
 - (i) premises or waiting rooms for the medical inspection and examination of persons;
 - (ii) premises for the temporary isolation of persons under these regulations;
- (d) at or in connection with a customs airport, arrange for the reception into a hospital of persons requiring to be removed thereto under these regulations;
- (e) arrange for the provision of means of transport for the conveyance of persons to any premises referred to in paragraph (c) of this regulation, or to a hospital;
- (f) at or in connection with a sanitary airport, provide or arrange for the provision of—
 - (i) apparatus or other means for cleansing, disinfecting and disinsecting aircraft, persons or clothing and other articles and deratting aircraft;
 - (ii) a laboratory for the examination of suspected material, or equipment for taking and despatching such material for examination in a laboratory;
- (g) do all such other things as in their opinion or the opinion of the Secretary of State, as the case may be, are necessary to enable the provisions of these regulations to be complied with.

List of infected areas

6.—(1) The authorised officer at a customs airport shall from time to time prepare and keep up to date a list of aerodromes and other areas which are infected or believed to be infected with a disease subject to the International Health Regulations or which may serve other places or areas so infected or believed to be so infected.

(2) The authorised officer shall supply copies of every such list and any amendment thereof to the customs officer at the airport and to the person in charge of the airport.

(3) In preparing and amending such list the authorised officer shall take into account all information sent to him from time to time by the Secretary of State or issued by the World Health Organisation.