PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND

The Public Health (Acute Poliomyelitis, Acute Encephalitis, and Meningococcal Infection) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 2259

Made - - - -	*6th December*, 1949
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Coming into Operation	*1st January*, 1950

M.H. 109650.

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 143 and 283 of the Public Health Act, 1936(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Acute Poliomyelitis, Acute Encephalitis, and Meningococcal Infection) Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1950.

(2) In these regulations, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them—

" acute poliomyelitis " includes acute polioencephalitis ;

" district " includes the City of London and a metropolitan borough ; and

" local authority " includes the Common Council of the City of London and the council of a metropolitan borough.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as though these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. These regulations shall be enforced and executed in every district by the local authority.

3. Every local authority shall send a copy of these regulations to each medical practitioner who after due enquiry is ascertained to be practising within the district.

4. Sections 144 to 146 of the Public Health Act, 1936(a), being enactments relating to the notification of disease, shall apply to acute poliomyelitis, acute encephalitis, and meningococcal infection save that section 144 shall so apply as modified and set out in the first schedule to these regulations.

5. The form set out in the second schedule to these regulations is hereby prescribed as the form of certificate to be used for the purposes of these regulations.

6. The Public Health (Cerebro-Spinal Fever and Acute Poliomyelitis) Regulations, 1912(c), and the Public Health (Acute Encephalitis Lethargica and Acute Polio-Encephalitis) Regulations, 1918(d), as extended by the Public Health (Acute Encephalitis Lethargica and Acute Polio-Encephalitis) Regulations, 1919(e), are hereby revoked.

(a) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 49. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. 1912 (No. 1226) p. 1116. (d) S.R. & O. 1918 (No. 1741) II, p. 693.
(e) S.R. & O. 1919 (No. 2048) II, p. 354.

FIRST SCHEDULE

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Section 144—(1) When an inmate of any building used for human habitation is suffering from acute poliomyelitis, acute encephalitis, or meningococcal infection, every medical practitioner attending on, or called in to visit, that inmate (in this section referred to as "the patient") shall, as soon as he becomes aware that the patient is so suffering, send to the medical officer of health of the district in which the building is situate a certificate in the form set out in the second schedule to these regulations.

(2) Any medical practitioner who fails to send a certificate which he is required by this section to send shall be liable to a fine not exceeding forty shillings.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM OF CERTIFICATE

To the Medical Officer of Health of.....

I hereby certify and declare that in my opinion.....(1)

an inmate of.....(2) is suffering from (3)

acute poliomyelitis { paralytic / non paralytic (4)

acute encephalitis { infective / post-infectious, following.....(5)

meningococcal infection.

Age of Patient..... Sex of Patient.....

Date of onset of disease....., 19 .

If patient is inmate of a hospital, the place from which the patient was brought to the hospital.....

Date on which patient was so brought.....

If case occurred in private practice.....

If case occurred in practice as medical officer of a public body or institution, and if so, what body or institution.....

Signed .....

Address.....

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Dated the.....day of ....., 19 .

(1) Insert full name.
(2) Insert full address.
(3) Delete words inapplicable.
(4) "Paralytic" means that there are or have been signs of weakness or paralysis of muscles either permanent or transient. "Non-paralytic" means that there have been no such signs.
(5) Insert preceding infection.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this sixth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations are designed to replace, with slight modifications, those to be revoked by regulation 6. They introduce nomenclature consistent with the international standard classification of diseases which will be brought into general use on 1st January, 1950, and slightly extend the scope of clinical conditions notifiable under the head of acute encephalitis.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SCOTLAND

PREVENTION OF EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 1945 (S. 135)

Made - - - -	18*th October*, 1949
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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1945(**a**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949, and they and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (Scotland), 1932,(**b**) shall be read as one and may be cited together as the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Regulations 1932 and 1949.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty.

(3) In these regulations the expression "the principal regulations" means the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (Scotland), 1932.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In Regulation 5 of the principal regulations for the words "or Tuberculosis," there shall be substituted the words "Tuberculosis or Whooping-cough".

3. In Regulation 10 of the principal regulations for the words "private practice" there shall be substituted the words "practice as a private medical practitioner"; and in the proviso to that regulation for the words "an institution owned or managed by a Local Authority or a combination of Local Authorities" there shall be substituted the words "a hospital providing hospital and specialist services under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947".(**d**).

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 15.
(b) S.R. & O. 1932 (No. 1047) p. 1524.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 27.