

*Regulations under the Health Act, 1920, as to Quarantine.*

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 14th day of November, 1921.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section one hundred and thirty-two of the Health Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations relating to quarantine within the meaning of the said Act.

REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as the Quarantine Regulations, 1921, and shall come into force on the 1st day of December, 1921.

REVOCATION.

2. The regulations herein specified are hereby revoked, namely:—

- (a.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1900, dated the 18th day of December, 1901, and published in the *Gazette* of the 9th January, 1902;
- (b.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1900, dated the 12th day of June, 1905, and published in the *Gazette* of the 15th June, 1905;
- (c.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1900, dated the 8th day of August, 1905, and published in the *Gazette* of the 10th August, 1905;
- (d.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1908, dated the 28th day of March, 1913, and published in the *Gazette* of the 3rd April, 1913.

NOTIFICATION OF HEALTH OF SHIP.

3. If any ship liable to quarantine and about to enter a New Zealand port possesses a wireless installation, the master of such ship shall, not later than twenty-four hours before entering such port, notify the Port Health Officer by wireless message of the state of health on such ship.

QUARANTINE SIGNAL.

4. The quarantine signal which the master of a ship is required by section 105 of the said Act to hoist shall be—

- (a.) From sunrise to sunset: The flag known as flag Q, being a yellow flag of six breadths of bunting, hoisted at the mainmast-head:  
Provided that in the case of ships having or suspected of having on board any of the following infectious diseases—to wit, smallpox, plague, yellow fever, cholera, or typhus, or which for any reason have been ordered into quarantine, the flag known as the commercial flag L, being a large flag of yellow and black, borne quarterly, shall be hoisted at the mainmast-head.
- (b.) From sunset to sunrise: In all cases three lights (two red and one white, each being not less than 8 in. in diameter) of such a character as to be visible on a clear night from a distance of at least two miles all round the ship, and placed as nearly as practicable amidships in the form of an equilateral triangle, the base, formed by the two red lights, being not less than 20 ft. above the hull and parallel to it, and the apex, formed by the white light, being at right-angles to the plane of the hull, each light being 6 ft. apart.

INSPECTION OF SHIP AND GRANTING OF PRATIQUE.

5. The hours of inspection for ships liable to quarantine shall be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Provided that if the circumstances appear to him to warrant it the Medical Officer of Health may authorize the Port Health Officer to inspect and grant pratique to any ship arriving at the place of inspection not later than 9 p.m.

6. On boarding the ship the Port Health Officer shall notify the master in what order the passengers and crew are to be examined, and also the portion of the ship in which such examination is to be conducted, and the master shall make arrangements in accordance with this notification.

7. The report required in accordance with section 107 of the said Act to be made by the master and medical officer of every ship arriving from beyond the seas at its first port of entry to the Dominion shall be in the form numbered (1) in the First Schedule hereto.

8. The master of any ship from beyond the seas shall, if so required by the Port Health Officer, furnish in respect of such ship—

- (a.) A list of all passengers or of passengers of any specified description or class on board, showing in respect of each passenger the name, sex, race, age, port of embarkation, port of debarkation, destination, and address in the Dominion;
- (b.) A list of the crew, giving name, race, and rating of each member;
- (c.) A list of all cargo or cargo of any specified class or description, showing its nature, port of shipment, and the name and address of the consignee.

9. The certificate of pratique to be given by the Port Health Officer to the master of the ship in accordance with section 110 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered (2) in the First Schedule hereto.

THE PERFORMANCE OF QUARANTINE AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO.

10. The orders to be served in accordance with sections 112, 115, and 119 of the said Act when any ships, persons, or goods are ordered into quarantine shall be in accordance with the forms numbered (3), (4), and (5) in the First Schedule hereto.

11. The master of any ship in quarantine shall—

- (a.) Provide such practicable means for the isolation of persons on board, and carry out such cleansing, fumigation, and disinfection as the Medical Officer of Health or the Port Health Officer directs;
- (b.) Render all assistance in his power to the officers of the Health Department, maintain order and discipline upon the ship, muster for examination all persons on board when so required by the officer of the Health Department in charge, and carry out all his instructions;
- (c.) When directed by the Medical Officer of Health or the Port Health Officer, convey any or all of the persons on board to any named quarantine station in such order and in such groups and by such means as the officer directs;
- (d.) Deliver at the quarantine station any personal effects belonging to any person landed from the ship, if so directed by the Medical Officer of Health or the Port Health Officer;
- (e.) Dispose of all sweepings, refuse, or ballast or other matter from the ship in such manner as the Medical Officer of Health or the Port Health Officer directs.

12. (1.) No person liable to quarantine, who has been exposed to the infection of any infectious disease but is not suffering from such disease, shall be released from such liability before the expiry of the period of incubation for such disease set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

(2.) Such period shall be reckoned from the last day on which in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health there has been exposure to the infection of the infectious disease.

13. The following provisions shall apply in regard to the administration and control of quarantine stations and of the persons confined therein:—

- (a.) All persons in quarantine shall be distributed throughout the quarantine station in such manner and in such groups as is deemed advisable by the Medical Officer of Health or the officer in charge of such station.
- (b.) No person performing quarantine at a quarantine station shall go beyond the bounds of the quarantine station.
- (c.) No person or class of persons in quarantine whose movements are by order of the officer in charge restricted to a certain area within the quarantine station shall go outside the limits of the area fixed.
- (d.) All persons in quarantine shall submit to inspection and to medical examination at such times and places as the officer in charge requires.
- (e.) All persons in quarantine shall duly observe and obey any instructions signed by the officer in charge of the quarantine station and posted on the recognized notice-boards.
- (f.) No person in quarantine shall have any communication with a person not in quarantine except with the consent of and subject to the conditions imposed by the officer in charge.
- (g.) Every person in quarantine shall aid in maintaining due order and cleanliness in the quarantine quarters.
- (h.) Every person in quarantine, except such as the officer in charge of the quarantine station exempts, shall take his meals at the hours arranged.
- (i.) Lights in all quarters at any quarantine station shall, subject to any exemption permitted by the officer in charge, be extinguished at 10.30 p.m.