



Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967

1967 CHAPTER 36

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

32 Interpretation.

In this Act—

[^{F1} “authorised officer” means the^{F2} Director of Public Health] of, or any other officer authorised by, [^{F3}the Regional Agency];]

“building” includes any^{F4} vessel or aircraft], tent, van, caravan, shed or other structure used for human habitation;

“carrier”, in relation to a notifiable disease, means a person who, while not suffering from any of the symptoms of the disease, has within his body in a communicable form, the organism which causes that disease, but does not include a person who has merely been in contact with the disease;

[^{F5}“Director of Public Health” means the Director of Public Health for Northern Ireland (see Article 32 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991);]

Definition rep. by 1972 NI 14

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“house” includes any room, tenement, flat and any other part of a house;

Definition rep. by 1986 NI 24

“infectious disease” means any infectious or contagious disease, but^{F4} except in section 2A(1)(a)] does not include a venereal disease;

Definition rep. by 1972 NI 14

“medical practitioner” means a fully registered person within the meaning of section 54 of the Medical Act 1956 ;

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Health and Social Services;

“notifiable disease” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1;

“occupier” means any person in occupation of, or having charge, management or control of, or of any part of, any building or premises;

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“owner” means the person for the time being receiving the rack-rent of the premises in connection with which the word is used, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee for any other person, or who would so receive the same if the premises were let at a rack-rent;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Ministry under this Act;

“premises” includes messuages, buildings, lands, easements and hereditaments of any tenure;

[^{F7}“the Regional Agency” means the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being;]

“resident magistrate” means a resident magistrate sitting as a court of summary jurisdiction or out of petty sessions, and acting ex parte, if it be deemed necessary by the magistrate;

[^{F4}“vessel” has the same meaning as [^{F8} “ship” in the Merchant Shipping Act 1995] except that it includes a hovercraft within the meaning of the Hovercraft Act 1968 and “master” shall be construed accordingly.]

Definition rep. by 1972 NI 14

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| F1 | 1972 NI 14 |
| F2 | 1991 NI 1 |
| F3 | Words in Act substituted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), Sch. 6 para. 2(2) ; S.R. 2009/114, art. 2 |
| F4 | 1986 NI 24 |
| F5 | S. 32: definition of "Director of Public Health" inserted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), Sch. 6 para. 2(3) ; S.R. 2009/114, art. 2 |
| F6 | S. 32: definition of "Health and Social Services Board" repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 33, 34(3), Sch. 7 ; S.R. 2009/114, art. 2 |
| F7 | S. 32: definition of "the Regional Agency" inserted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), Sch. 6 para. 2(3) ; S.R. 2009/114, art. 2 |
| F8 | 1995 c. 21 |

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