
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Civil Registration Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

PART IV

REGISTRATION OF STILL-BIRTHS

Registration of still-births without reference to the Coroner

Certificate of evidence of a still-birth

15. The form of a certificate to be given in pursuance of Article 15(3) of the 1976 Order by a registered medical practitioner or a midwife present at a still-birth, or who has examined the body of a still-born child, shall be Form 7.

Particulars to be registered concerning a still- birth

16.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, the particulars to be registered concerning a still-birth shall be those particulars required to be entered in Form 2.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the provisions of regulations 10, 11 and 12(4) shall, with any necessary modifications, apply to completing Form 2 as they apply to completing Form 1, but a qualified informant shall not be required to verify particulars of the cause of the still-birth.

(3) The cause of still-birth shall be entered as stated in the certificate given by the registered medical practitioner or midwife, followed by the word ‘Certified’.

Registration of still-births following reference to the Coroner

Reference to Coroner

17. Where a registrar is informed of an alleged still-birth and does not receive a certificate issued in pursuance of Article 15(3) of the 1976 Order, the registrar shall report the alleged still-birth to a coroner on a form provided for the purpose by the Registrar General.

Coroner’s certificate or notification

18. Where the coroner examines or causes to be examined the body of a child, and is satisfied that the body is that of a still-born child, the form of certificate the coroner shall send to the registrar in pursuance of Article 16(1) of the 1976 Order shall be —

- (a) Form 8, if an inquest has been held; or
- (b) Form 9, if the coroner does not consider it necessary to hold an inquest.

Registration of still-birth where inquest is not held

19.—(1) Where a registrar receives notification in Form 8 from a coroner that the coroner does not intend to hold an inquest concerning a still-birth the registrar shall take such steps as may be required to register the still-birth.

(2) Any registration under paragraph (1) shall be made in accordance with regulation 16 except that in the entry relating to the cause of still-birth, there shall be entered —

- (a) if Part A of the coroner’s notification has been completed, the words “Coroner’s Statement”, or
- (b) if Part B of the coroner’s notification has been completed, the words “Coroner’s Certificate”.

Registration of still-birth after inquest

20. Where a registrar receives a coroner’s certificate upon an inquest, from which it appears that the child was still-born, or that there was not sufficient evidence to show that the child was born alive, the particulars to be registered concerning the still-birth shall be the particulars required to be entered in Form 2, other than those particulars relating to the qualified informant.