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PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Notifiable Diseases Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made 4th August 1976

Coming into operation 5th August 1976

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) and of all other powers in that behalf hereby makes the following order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Public Health Notifiable Diseases Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 5th August 1976.

(2) In this order “the Act” means the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

Additional notifiable diseases

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Act shall be amended by the addition thereto of lassa fever and rabies.

(2) Accordingly the notifiable diseases to which the Act applies from the commencement of this order are those set out in the Schedule which shall be substituted for Schedule 1 to the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 4th August 1976.

(L.S.)

G. Buchanan

Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly the Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) 1967 c. 36 (N.I.)

SCHEDULE

Article 2(2)

Notifiable diseases

Acute encephalitis
Acute meningitis
Anthrax
Cholera
Diphtheria
Dysentery
Food poisoning (all sources)
Gastro-enteritis (persons under 2 years of age only)
Infective hepatitis
Lassa fever
Measles
Paratyphoid fever
Plague
Poliomyelitis: paralytic and non-paralytic
Rabies
Relapsing fever
Scarlet fever
Smallpox
Tuberculosis: pulmonary and non-pulmonary
Typhoid fever
Typhus
Whooping cough
Yellow fever

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order but is intended to indicate its general purport)

The order adds lassa fever and rabies to the list of notifiable diseases specified by the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967. The Act imposes a duty on a medical practitioner as soon as he attends a person he believes is suffering from a notifiable disease to notify the chief administrative medical officer of the Health and Social Services Board for the area.