

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, this 17th day of December, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-nine.

(L.S.)

*D. L. Clarke,*

Assistant Secretary.

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby consent to the foregoing Regulations, so far as they apply to the Officers of Customs and Excise.

*A. J. Dyke.**C. B. Grylls.*


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### Prevention of Infectious and Epidemic Diseases.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (DERATISATION OF SHIPS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 148 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACT, 1878, THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1896, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1904.

1929. No. 99.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 148 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, the Public Health Act, 1896, and the Public Health Act, 1904, and of all other powers enabling the Ministry in that behalf, after consultation with the Board of Trade, hereby makes the following regulations:—

#### *Short Title and Commencement.*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Deratisation of Ships) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1929, and shall come into operation on the first day of January Nineteen hundred and thirty.

#### *Interpretation.*

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“The Ministry” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland;

“Sanitary Authority” means a port sanitary authority and the council of a borough or urban or rural district in Northern Ireland which includes or abuts on any part of a Customs Port not within the jurisdiction of a port sanitary authority where the medical officer of health appointed by the authority or council has been authorised by the Ministry to give deratisation certificates or deratisation exemption certificates ;

“Approved port” means the district of a sanitary authority, the medical officer of health of which has been authorised by the Ministry to grant deratisation certificates or deratisation exemption certificates, and in the case of a sanitary authority other than a port sanitary authority includes the waters of the Customs Port abutting on any part of their district so far as such waters are not within a port sanitary district ;

“Approved foreign port” means a foreign port which has been notified to the Office International d’Hygiene Publique as possessing the equipment and personnel necessary for the deratisation of ships ;

“Medical Officer of Health” means the medical officer of health of a sanitary authority or a registered medical practitioner temporarily acting in that capacity and except in relation to the signing and issuing of Certificates includes any registered medical practitioner duly authorised by a sanitary authority to act on behalf of the medical officer of health in the execution of these Regulations ;

“Foreign port” means a port or place situate elsewhere than in Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man ;

“Ship” includes a vessel or boat ;

“Master” used in relation to a ship includes the officer or other person for the time being in charge of or in command of the ship ;

“Deratisation certificate” and “deratisation exemption certificate” means a deratisation certificate and a deratisation exemption certificate issued under these Regulations and in conformity with Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention of Paris, 1926, and any certificate in conformity with the said Article issued at an approved foreign port ;

“Valid certificate” means a certificate issued under these Regulations or at an approved foreign port which has not been current for more than six months or in the case of a ship proceeding to her home port more than seven months from the date of the last inspection, and includes a deratisation certificate or a deratisation exemption certificate issued at an approved port or an approved foreign port in conformity with Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention of Paris, 1926, prior to the issue of these Regulations.

*Inspection, etc., of Ships arriving from Foreign Ports and issue of Certificates.*

3.—(1) On the arrival of a ship from a foreign port at an approved port, whether such approved port is the first port of call in Northern Ireland or not, the medical officer of health or a duly authorised officer of the sanitary authority acting on his behalf shall require the master to produce a valid deratisation certificate or a valid deratisation exemption certificate.

(2) If no valid deratisation certificate or valid deratisation exemption certificate is produced in respect of any such ship the medical officer of health shall thereupon take such steps as he may consider necessary to satisfy himself that the ship is maintained in such a condition that the number of rats on board is kept down to the minimum.

If, after the ship has been inspected the medical officer of health is satisfied that the ship is free from rats or is maintained in such condition that the number of rats on board is kept down to the minimum, he shall sign and issue a deratisation exemption certificate.

If, in the opinion of the medical officer of health, the ship is not maintained in such a condition that the number of rats on board is kept down to the minimum, he shall require the ship to be deratised in such manner as may be specified, or approved, by him, and the master shall forthwith make arrangements for the deratisation of the ship to be carried out to the satisfaction of the medical officer of health.

After the deratisation has been completed to the satisfaction of the medical officer of health he shall sign and issue a deratisation certificate.

*Issue of Certificates on application by Owner of Ship.*

4. On application in writing received from the owner of any ship in an approved port, or from the master of the ship acting for and on behalf of the owner, for a deratisation exemption certificate or a deratisation certificate in respect of the ship, the medical officer of health shall take such steps as he may consider necessary to satisfy himself that the ship is maintained in such a condition that the number of rats on board is kept down to the minimum, or give directions for the deratisation of the ship, as the case may require, and, on being satisfied as to the condition of the ship or that the deratisation of the ship has been properly carried out, he shall issue the appropriate certificate.

*General.*

5. For the purposes of these regulations the medical officer of health or a duly authorised officer of the sanitary authority acting on his behalf shall have power to board and inspect any ship which is in an approved port.

6.—(1) All certificates issued under these regulations shall be in such form as the Ministry may from time to time approve.

(2) A copy of every certificate issued in pursuance of these regulations shall be retained in the office of the sanitary authority, and a copy shall be forwarded to the Ministry.

*Expenses.*

7. The owner or the master of the ship shall pay to the sanitary authority such fee for the inspection of the ship and for the issue of the certificate as the sanitary authority may with the approval of the Ministry require.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 12th day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

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*D. L. Clarke,*

Assistant Secretary.

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**Sanitary Order relating to Urban Districts.**

TO THE COUNCILS OF THE SEVERAL URBAN DISTRICTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND OTHER THAN THE COUNCILS OF COUNTY BOROUGHES ;  
AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

1929. No. 19.

WHEREAS the Local Government Board for Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in them by Section 11 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and of all other powers in that behalf enabling them, made an Order on the 3rd day of May, 1900, prescribing Regulations with respect to the qualification, appointment, duties, salary, and tenure of office of sanitary Officers appointed by Urban Sanitary Authorities :

And whereas by virtue of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and certain Orders made thereunder, the aforesaid powers of the Local Government Board are now vested, as respects Northern Ireland, in the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland :

And whereas it appears expedient to the said Ministry that the said Order of the 3rd day of May, 1900, should be amended in manner hereinafter appearing :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by the aforesaid statutes and of all other powers in this behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby orders and directs that the said Order of the