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PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment)
Regulations 1976**

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of powers conferred by section 143 (as construed by section 56 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968(a), and amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(b), and section 283(2) of the Public Health Act 1936(c) and now vested in them (d), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 3rd August 1976.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968(e), as amended (f), and other words and expressions used have the same meanings as in the principal regulations.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(g) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 4 of the principal regulations (public health enactments applied to certain diseases) for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(2) In Schedule 2 (without prejudice to the provision of regulation 2(2) of these regulations) references to section 38 (as amended) of the Act of 1961

(a) 1968 c. 46.

(b) 1973 c. 32.

(c) 1936 c. 49.

(d) See Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585)).
Article 2.

(e) S.I. 1968/1366 (1968 II, p. 3800).

(f) S.I. 1969/844, 1974/274 (1969 II, p. 2378; 1974 I, p. 911).

(g) 1889 c. 63.

are to that section as amended by section 53 of the Act of 1968 and paragraph 38 of Schedule 14 to the Local Government Act 1972(a), and references to the said section 38 (as amended in part) are to that section as amended by paragraph 38 of Schedule 14 to the said Local Government Act 1972.”.

4. In regulation 6 of the principal regulations (cases of infectious disease to be specially reported)—

- (a) in paragraph 2(a) for “quarantinable disease” there shall be substituted “disease subject to the International Health Regulations”;
- (b) for paragraph 3(c) there shall be substituted the following subparagraph—
“(c) malaria or rabies contracted in Great Britain, or”;
- (c) after paragraph 3(c) there shall be inserted the following subparagraph—
“(d) Lassa fever,”.

5. In Schedule 2 to the principal regulations (public health enactments applied to particular diseases)—

- (a) after the entries in columns (1) and (2) which relate to “Tuberculosis” there shall be added the following—

“Lassa fever	In the Act of 1936— sections 148 to 153, 155 to 160 and 162 to 170; In the Act of 1961— sections 38 (as amended) to 41; In the Act of 1968— sections 48 to 50 and 54
Rabies	In the Act of 1936— sections 148 to 153, 155 to 160, and 168 to 170; In the Act of 1961— sections 38 (as amended) to 41; In the Act of 1968— sections 48 to 50 and 54;”
- (b) in column (2) for “originally enacted” wherever it occurs there shall be substituted “amended in part”.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

2nd August 1976.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales,

S. Barry Jones,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary,
Welsh Office.

2nd August 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968 by—

- (a) adding Lassa fever and rabies and the enactments applied to them to the list of notifiable diseases and the enactments applied to those diseases (regulation 5(a));
- (b) specifying Lassa fever and rabies as diseases in respect of which a Medical Officer for Environmental Health (Proper Officer) has a duty to send a copy of a certificate of notification to the Chief Medical Officer (regulation 4(b) and (c)); and
- (c) providing that where in respect of diseases mentioned in Schedule 2—
 - (i) section 38 (as amended) of the Public Health Act 1961 applies, that section applies as amended both by the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 and the Local Government Act 1972; and
 - (ii) section 38 (as amended in part) of the Public Health Act 1961 applies, that section applies as amended only by the Local Government Act 1972 (regulations 3 and 5(b)).

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