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**The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) (No. 2)
Regulations 1976**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	19th November 1976
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	19th November 1976
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	20th November 1976

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 extended 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) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 20th November 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 rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(g) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the principal regulations

3.—(1) In the principal regulations there shall be made the amendments set out in the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(2) before the word amended there shall be inserted the words “from time to time”.

(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, 1976/1226 (1969 II, p. 2378; 1974 I, p. 911; 1976 II, p. 3499).

(g) 1889 c. 63.

(3) In regulation 6 (cases of infectious diseases to be specially reported) after paragraph 3(d) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(e) Viral haemorrhagic fever”,

“(f) Marburg disease”

(4) In Schedule 2 (public health enactments applied to particular diseases) after the entries in columns (1) and (2) which relate to “Rabies” there shall be added the following—

“Viral haemorrhagic fever	In the Act of 1936— sections 148 to 153, 155 to 160 and 162 to 170; In the Act of 1961— sections 38 to 41; In the Act of 1968— sections 48 to 50 and 54”.
“Marburg disease	In the Act of 1936— sections 148 to 153, 155 to 160 and 162 to 170; In the Act of 1961— sections 38 to 41; In the Act of 1968— sections 48 to 50 and 54”.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

19th November 1976.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

19th November 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 Viral haemorrhagic fever and Marburg disease and the enactments applied to them to the list of notifiable diseases and the enactments applied to those diseases (Regulation 3(4));
- (b) specifying Viral haemorrhagic fever and Marburg disease 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 3(3)).

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