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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1979 No. 1435**

**The Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1979**

**PART III**

**INCOMING SHIPS**

*Maritime Declaration of Health*

**15.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, where on the arrival of a ship, the master

(a) has a report to make in accordance with regulation 13(1)(a), (b) or (c), or

(b) is directed by the medical officer to complete a Maritime Declaration of Health

he shall complete a Maritime Declaration of Health in the form set out in Schedule 2, which shall be countersigned by the ship's surgeon if one is carried:

Provided that in the case of a ship which during its voyage has not been in a foreign port other than an excepted port, and has not during the voyage met a ship which has proceeded from a foreign port outside the excepted area, the master shall not be bound to comply with the provisions of this regulation unless he has been notified by the medical officer that compliance with those provisions is necessary on account of danger to public health.

(2) The master shall deliver the Declaration to the authorised officer, who shall forward it to the health authority.

**16.** If, within four weeks after the master of a ship has delivered a Maritime Declaration of Health under regulation 15 or a corresponding provision in force in Scotland or Northern Ireland, the ship arrives in a district or calls at another district, as the case may be, the master shall report to the authorised officer any case or suspected case of infectious disease which has occurred on board since the Declaration was delivered and which has not already been reported.