
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 2088

The Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987

PART XI E+W

DISPOSAL OF BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS

Enquiry in default of notification of disposal E+W

51.—(1) The period after the issue of a certificate for disposal, or a coroner's order authorising the disposal of the body, on the expiration of which the registrar (if he has not previously received a notification for disposal) is required to make enquiry under section 24(5) of the Act shall be a period of 14 days after the date of the issue of the certificate of order.

(2) Where in response to such an enquiry the registrar is informed that the body of the deceased person has not been disposed of, he shall, unless he is informed that the body is being held for the purposes of the Anatomy Acts 1832(1) and 1871(2) or the Human Tissue Act 1961(3), report the matter to the officer responsible for matters of environmental health for the district in which the body is lying.

(3) Where after such an enquiry it appears to the registrar that the body has been disposed of and notification of disposal has not been made to him within the time required by section 3(1) of the 1926 Act—

- (a) he shall immediately ask the person effecting the disposal of the body to deliver the notification to him; and
- (b) if the notification is not received within three days he shall report the matter to the Registrar General.

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 51](#) in force at 1.1.1988, see [reg. 1](#)

(1) 1832 c. 75.
(2) 1871 c. 16.
(3) 1961 c. 54.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987, Section 51.