

Infectious Diseases (Quarantine) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (QUARANTINE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2007

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Infectious Diseases Act, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Infectious Diseases (Quarantine) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into operation on 24th September 2007.

Amendment of regulation 28

2. Regulation 28 of the Infectious Diseases (Quarantine) Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting paragraphs (3) to (8).

New regulation 28A

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 28, the following regulation:

“Ship sanitation measures

28A.—(1) A Port Health Officer may, by notice in writing, require the master, owner or agent of any vessel to take such appropriate measures to disinfect, decontaminate, disinsect or quarantine the vessel within 24 hours or within such shorter period as he may specify.

(2) The master, owner or agent of every ship shall, on the ship’s arrival at and departure from Singapore, produce a valid ship sanitation control certificate or valid ship sanitation control exemption certificate, as the case may be.

(3) A ship sanitation control certificate or ship sanitation control exemption certificate, as the case may be, shall be issued only by the health authority of a port designated for that purpose by its national health administration and shall be in Form E set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(4) Every ship sanitation control certificate or ship sanitation control exemption certificate produced under paragraph (2) shall be valid for 6 months and may be extended for a period of one month in the case of a ship proceeding to any port if the control or inspection, as the case may be, would be facilitated by the emptying of the holds due to take place at that port.

(5) The master, owner or agent of a ship shall, before the expiry of the existing ship sanitation control certificate or ship sanitation control exemption certificate referred to in paragraph (2), apply to a Port Health Officer for the issue of a new ship sanitation control certificate or ship sanitation control exemption certificate, as the case may be.

(6) A Port Health Officer may issue in respect of a ship —

(a) a ship sanitation control certificate, if health control measures have been —

(i) carried out on the ship when the holds are empty; and

(ii) carried out to the satisfaction of the Port Health Officer; or

(b) a ship sanitation control exemption certificate, if the Port Health

Officer is satisfied that there is no evidence of infection or contamination on the ship.

(7) The master, owner or agent of a ship shall pay the fee for the inspection of the ship and the issue of any ship sanitation control certificate or ship sanitation control exemption certificate as specified in the Sixth Schedule.”.

Deletion and substitution of Fourth Schedule

4. The Fourth Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

“FOURTH SCHEDULE

Regulations 6, 12 and 18

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ENTRY DECLARATION

To be completed and submitted to the competent authorities by the masters of ships arriving from foreign ports.

Submitted at the port of..... Date.....
Name of ship or inland navigation vessel..... Registration/IMO No..... arriving from sailing to
(Nationality)(Flag of vessel)..... Master's name
Gross tonnage (ship).....
Tonnage (inland navigation vessel).....
Valid Sanitation Control Exemption/Control Certificate carried on board? yes..... no..... issued at..... date.....
Re-inspection required? yes..... no.....
Has ship/vessel visited an affected area identified by the World Health Organization? yes..... no.....
Port and date of visit
List ports of call from commencement of voyage with dates of departure, or within past thirty days, whichever is shorter:
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Upon request of the competent authority at the port of arrival, list crew members, passengers or other persons who have joined ship/vessel since international voyage began or within past thirty days, whichever is shorter, including all ports/countries visited in this period (add additional names to the attached schedule):

(1) Name joined from: (1).....(2).....(3).....
(2) Name joined from: (1).....(2).....(3).....
(3) Name joined from: (1).....(2).....(3).....

Number of crew members on board.....

Number of passengers on board.....

Health questions

- (1) Has any person died on board during the voyage otherwise than as a result of accident? yes..... no.....
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule. Total no. of deaths
- (2) Is there on board or has there been during the international voyage any case of disease which you suspect to be of an infectious nature? yes..... no..... If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
- (3) Has the total number of ill passengers during the voyage been greater than normal/expected? yes.... no....
How many ill persons?
- (4) Is there any ill person on board now? yes..... no..... If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
- (5) Was a medical practitioner consulted? yes..... no..... If yes, state particulars of medical treatment or advice provided in attached schedule.
- (6) Are you aware of any condition on board which may lead to infection or spread of disease? yes..... no.....
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
- (7) Has any sanitary measure (e.g. quarantine, isolation, disinfection or decontamination) been applied on board? yes..... no.....
If yes, specify type, place and date.....
- (8) Have any stowaways been found on board? yes..... no..... If yes, where did they join the ship (if known)?
- (9) Is there a sick animal or pet on board? yes..... no.....

Note: In the absence of a surgeon, the master should regard the following symptoms as grounds for suspecting the existence of a disease of an infectious nature:

- (a) fever, persisting for several days or accompanied by (i) prostration; (ii) decreased consciousness; (iii) glandular swelling; (iv) jaundice; (v) cough or shortness of breath; (vi) unusual bleeding; or (vii) paralysis.
- (b) with or without fever: (i) any acute skin rash or eruption; (ii) severe vomiting (other than sea sickness); (iii) severe diarrhoea; or (iv) recurrent convulsions.

I hereby declare that the particulars and answers to the questions given in this Declaration of Health (including the schedule) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

Master

Countersigned

Ship's Surgeon (if carried)

Date.....