

Health Services

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HEALTH SERVICES (CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES) REGULATIONS, 1970

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Made by the Minister under section 10 of the Health Services Act.

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Control of Mosquitoes) Regulations, 1970.

2. For the purposes of these regulations, "authorised person" means a person acting under the authority of the Chief Medical Officer in carrying out the provisions of these regulations.

3. Fountains, pools, ponds, antiformicas, excavations, openings or structures made for any purpose whatsoever, containing water, shall be kept stocked with larvivorous fish or covered with a film of petroleum oil, or the water therein shall be mixed with an insecticide to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

4. (1) All premises shall be kept free of—

- (a) stagnant water; and
- (b) all appliances, trees, plants or other things which are capable of breeding mosquitoes.

(2) Any bush or undergrowth on any premises likely to harbour mosquitoes shall be cut down and removed.

5. (1) Cess-pits on premises shall be disinfected and covered with a film of oil at least once per month or as often as the Public Health Inspector may require.

(2) Catchpits shall be cleaned out as often as a Public Health Inspector may require.

6. Roof gutters, eaves gutters and down-pipes attached to any

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premises shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstruction so as to allow the ready passage of water from the roof.

7. (1) Roof gutters are subject to inspection and shall have a sufficient capacity and fall to ensure that rain water will not be retained at any point.

(2) Where an authorised person finds any roof gutter in a state capable of retaining water in which mosquitoes are likely to breed, he shall give notice thereof in writing to the owner or occupier of the premises, and if within twenty-four hours—

(a) such owner or occupier fails to remedy the condition complained of; or

(b) such roof gutter is subsequently found to be in a condition liable to breed mosquitoes,

such authorised person shall take any remedial steps which he considers necessary.

8. Barrels, tubs, drums, wells, tanks and other receptacles for containing water shall be effectively protected from mosquitoes by screening or by such other methods as the Chief Medical Officer may approve.

9. No water shall be allowed to accumulate or become stagnant under any tap, pipe or other device for supplying water.

10. Receptacles which provide drinking water for animals or poultry shall be such as can be quickly and completely emptied.

11. Premises shall be kept in a clean and sanitary manner and all empty bottles or tins, coconut shells, uncovered barrels, boxes, tyres and any other articles shall be so kept, stored or dealt with as to prevent the likelihood of water collecting therein.

12. (1) A covered drain shall be provided with an inspection chamber which shall be placed in a position which is easily accessible for inspection.

(2) Sewer-traps shall be placed in positions which are easily accessible for inspection.

13. (1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, no part of any building shall be so constructed as to be capable of retaining water.

(2) The owner of a building shall, upon being duly notified in writing that any part of the building is capable of retaining water, forthwith take such remedial steps as may be necessary.

14. (1) A Public Health Inspector acting on the instruction of the Chief Medical Officer or Medical Officer of Health shall cause premises to be sprayed with an insecticide approved by the Chief Medical Officer.

(2) Mosquito nets, mattresses, bedding and food safes may also be sprayed.

15. The Chief Medical Officer or an authorised person shall either verbally or in writing notify the occupier of premises to be sprayed and of the time fixed for such spraying.

16. The Chief Medical Officer may authorise such persons as he thinks fit to do anything which may be necessary for carrying out of the provisions of these regulations.

17. A Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Inspector or an authorised person may enter any premises between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. with a view to discovering whether the provisions of these regulations are being complied with, and to carrying out such works as may be provided or authorised by these regulations.

18. Any person assisting an authorised person shall have all the rights, powers and immunities of that person.

19. When notified that premises are to be sprayed, the occupier shall, before the time fixed for spraying, extinguish all fires and naked flames until the process of spraying is complete, and shall take such other steps as the notice may require.

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20. Where a Medical Officer of Health or authorised person visits any premises in pursuance of regulation 17 and the owner or occupier thereof refuses to allow, or unreasonably delays in allowing, any such person to enter therein, such Medical Officer of Health or authorised person shall enter with a member of the Police Force and execute whatever works he considers necessary for carrying out the provisions of these regulations.

21. (1) Where it appears to the Chief Medical Officer or an authorised person that any premises visited in pursuance of regulation 17 are closed, such Chief Medical Officer or authorised person may cause to be affixed in a conspicuous position thereon a notice requiring the owner or occupier thereof to arrange with the Medical Officer of Health for the district in which the premises are situate to have such premises inspected within a specified period.

(2) Such notice shall require the owner or occupier of the premises to grant access to the person named in the notice.

(3) The person named in the notice shall enter the premises in the presence of a member of the Police Force, by force if necessary, to inspect or spray such premises.

(4) Immediately after inspection or spraying, the premises shall be sealed by the person carrying out such work, in the presence of the member of the Police Force.

22. Adequate measures shall be taken by the person carrying out such work under paragraphs (3) and (4) of regulation 21 to ensure that the premises and any articles thereon are not left in a worse condition than before the inspection or spraying took place, and in particular he shall take all the steps which an occupier is by regulation 19 required to take, and as soon as the inspection or spraying is over he shall repair any damage done in obtaining entry to the premises.

23. No person shall enter any premises sealed by virtue of these regulations unless authorised by the Chief Medical Officer or a Medical Officer of Health.

24. Where an authorised person discovers any receptacle capable of breeding mosquitoes, he may—

- (a) apply the larvicide or insecticide approved by the Chief Medical Officer; or
- (b) require the owner or occupier of the premises to stock the water with larvivorous fish of a species approved by the Chief Medical Officer; or
- (c) require the owner or occupier to apply an approved larvicide or insecticide; or
- (d) require the owner or occupier to render and keep the receptacle mosquito-proof; or
- (e) render the receptacle, if it be of little or no commercial value, incapable of holding water.

25. (1) Flower vases, jars or other receptacles in cemeteries shall not be allowed to contain water, and such receptacles shall be filled with sand or earth.

(2) Mausoleums, vaults, and burial urns shall be maintained in such condition as not to collect water.

26. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person who contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for three months, or to both such fine and imprisonment, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine of two hundred dollars for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues after a conviction is first obtained. S.I.
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(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to the Chief Medical Officer, Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Inspector or authorised person for failure to perform any official duty required to be performed by these regulations.

27. Where in respect of any premises any act or thing is by any of these regulations either declared to be prohibited or prescribed to be done, the duty of seeing that such prohibition or requirement is complied with shall rest upon both the owner and the occupier for the time being of the premises, and in the event of a breach of any such regulation either the owner or the occupier or both shall be liable to be prosecuted.