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**THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW**

**(1996 Revision)**

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH (QUARANTINE) REGULATIONS**

**(1997 Revision)**

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The Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations made the 5th September, 1978.

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Clerk of Executive Council

*Notes: (not forming part of the Regulations)*

1. *In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 3(e), by notice made the 21st November, 1978 and published in Gazette No. 25 of 4th December, 1978, the Port Director was appointed a Quarantine Officer.*

2. *In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 4, by Order made the 3rd November, 1981 and published in Gazette No. 23 of 16th November, 1981, Honduras was declared and prescribed to be an infected place for the purposes of the regulations.*

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**SCHEDULE**

(Particulars of every case of illness or death occurring on board)

Name	Class or rating	Age	Sex	Nationality	Port of embarkation	Date of embarkation	Nature of illness	Date of its onset	Result of illness*	Disposal of case**

\*State whether recovered; still ill; died. \*\*State whether still on board; landed at (give name of port); buried at sea.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The Master of a ship coming from a port outside the Islands must ascertain the state of health of all persons on board, and fill in and sign the Declaration.

The Master should take all steps necessary to ensure that no persons other than a pilot and his apprentice shall board the vessel without the permission of the quarantine officer on duty until pratique has been granted.

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4. Is there on board or has there been during the voyage any case of disease which you suspect to be of any infectious nature?. .....Give particulars in the Schedule hereto.

5. Is there any sick person on board now?..... Give particulars in the Schedule hereto.

NOTE: In the absence of a surgeon, the master should regard the following symptoms as ground for suspecting the existence of disease of an infectious nature: fever accompanied by prostration or persisting for several days, or attended with glandular swelling; or any acute skin rash or eruption with or without fever, severe diarrhoea with symptoms of collapse, jaundice accompanied by fever.

6. Are you aware of any other condition on board which may lead to infection or spread of disease?.....

I hereby declare that the particulars and answers to the questions given in this Declaration and the Schedule hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated.....

Signed.....  
Master

Countersigned .....  
Ship's surgeon

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**SCHEDULE**

**FORM**

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(Regulation 8)

**CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH**

(To be rendered by the Masters of Ships arriving from ports outside the Islands or from another island of the Cayman Islands)

Port of .....	Date.....
Name of Ship.....	From.....to.....
Nationality.....	Master's Name.....
Net Registered	
Tonnage.....	
Deratting or Deratting Exemption	{ Certificate.....Date .....
	{ Issued at.....
Number of Passengers	{ Landing.....Number of crew.....
	{ In transit.....

List of ports of call from commencement of voyage with dates of departure.

**HEALTH QUESTIONS**

**ANSWER**  
**Yes or No**

1. Has there been on board during the voyage any case or suspected case of plague, cholera, yellow fever, small pox, typhus or relapsing fever?..... Give particulars in the Schedule hereto.
2. Has plague occurred or been suspected among the rats or mice on board during the voyage, or has there been an abnormal mortality among them?.....
3. Has any person died on board during the voyage otherwise than as a result of accident?..... Give particulars in the Schedule hereto.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (QUARANTINE) REGULATIONS**

(1997 Revision)

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations (1997 Revision). Citation

2. In these regulations- Definitions

“Governor” means the Governor in Council;

“infected place” means any port or place where an epidemic disease of a contagious or infectious character prevails or any port or place prescribed as such by the Governor;

“jurisdiction” means the jurisdiction of the Islands and includes the territorial waters and the airspace thereover;

“master” means the person having control or command of a vessel;

“officer” means a quarantine officer as defined in regulation 3;

“port” includes an airport and a seaport;

“pratique” means licence to a vessel to communicate with the shore;

“quarantine” means a state of isolation imposed upon any vessel or person under the Law for prevention of the spread of any contagious or infectious disease; and

“vessel” means any description of sea or air craft including a hovercraft coming into the jurisdiction directly or indirectly from any port or place outside the jurisdiction or from another island of the Islands.

3. The following are quarantine officers- Quarantine officers

- (a) the Director of Civil Aviation;
- (b) government medical officers;
- (c) government veterinary officers;
- (d) customs officers; and

\*(e) persons appointed by the Governor to hold office during his pleasure.

*\*See Note 1 on page 11*

Infected places <i>*See Note 2 on page 8</i>	*4. The Governor may, at any time, declare any port or place to be an infected place.
Liability to quarantine	5. Vessels arriving at the Islands together with all persons and cargo thereon coming from an infected place or having on board any person who has come from an infected place or who is ill of any contagious or infectious disease or on board of which vessel any person has died from any such disease during the passage to the Islands is liable to quarantine as hereinafter provided.
Duty of masters	6. Vessels arriving in territorial waters shall, before having any physical contact with the shore, supply by radio or other means to the officer on duty at the nearest port the- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) name of the vessel;</li> <li>(b) name of the master;</li> <li>(c) port of registry;</li> <li>(d) last port of call;</li> <li>(e) next destination;</li> <li>(f) jurisdictions entered since the last port of call;</li> <li>(g) number of persons aboard;</li> <li>(h) particulars of persons-                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) suffering from any disease;</li> <li>(ii) who have so suffered during the voyage; or</li> <li>(iii) who have died during the voyage;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(i) particulars of persons aboard who, within fourteen days, have been located in an infected place; and</li> <li>(j) any further information required by the officer on duty.</li> </ul>
Grant of pratique	7. The officer on duty at a port to which the information required by regulation 6 has been communicated by a vessel may grant pratique to such vessel by radio signal or otherwise and until such pratique has been so granted such vessel is and remains in quarantine from the time of her arrival in the territorial waters.
Health declaration	8. The master of every vessel arriving in a seaport in the Islands shall complete and produce to the officer on duty the declaration set out in the Schedule.
Effect of quarantine	9. In the case of a vessel in quarantine- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the officer on duty may go aboard, inspect the ship's log and ship's papers and make such investigation as he considers necessary;</li> <li>(b) no person shall leave or board the vessel without the permission of the officer on duty;</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) the master shall hoist by day and by night whichever of the Quarantine Signals is appropriate as set out in the British Edition of the 1931 International Code Visual Signalling; and</li> <li>(d) the master shall anchor the vessel at the direction of the officer on duty.</li> </ul>	
10. Nothing in these Regulations prevents the delivery of mail from a vessel in quarantine.	Delivery of mails
11. The Governor may suspend the operation of these regulations or any part thereof for such period as he may think fit.	Governor's power of suspension
12. Whoever-	Penal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) contravenes any requirement of these regulations;</li> <li>(b) gives information in the truth of which he does not believe for the purpose of evading any provision of these regulations;</li> <li>(c) obstructs any officer in executing his duty under these regulations; or</li> <li>(d) personates an officer,</li> </ul>	
is guilty of an offence and punishable under section 8.	