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1. These regulations may be cited as the *Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations (2021 Revision)*.

Definitions

2. In these regulations —

“**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 Cabinet;

“**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;

“**Port Health Officer**” means an Environmental Health Officer;

“**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 principal Act 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.

Quarantine officers

3. The following are quarantine officers —
- (a) the Director of Civil Aviation;
 - (b) government medical officers;
 - (ba) Port Health Officers;
 - (c) government veterinary officers;
 - (d) customs officers; and
 - (e)* persons appointed by the Cabinet to hold office during the Cabinet’s pleasure.[*See Note 1 on page 12]

Infected places

4. The Cabinet 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 —
- (a) name of the vessel;
 - (b) name of the master;
 - (c) port of registry;
 - (d) last port of call;
 - (e) next destination;
 - (f) jurisdictions entered since the last port of call;
 - (g) number of persons aboard;
 - (h) particulars of persons —



- (i) suffering from any disease;
 - (ii) who have so suffered during the voyage; or
 - (iii) who have died during the voyage;
- (i) particulars of persons aboard who, within fourteen days, have been located in an infected place; and
 - (j) any further information required by the officer on duty.

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 —
- (a) the officer on duty may go aboard, inspect the ship's log and ship's papers and make such investigation as that person considers necessary;
 - (b) no person shall leave or board the vessel without the permission of the officer on duty;
 - (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
 - (d) the master shall anchor the vessel at the direction of the officer on duty.

Delivery of mails

10. Nothing in these Regulations prevents the delivery of mail from a vessel in quarantine.

Cabinet's power of suspension

11. The Cabinet may suspend the operation of these regulations or any part thereof for such period as the Cabinet may think fit.

Penal

12. Whoever —
- (a) contravenes any requirement of these regulations;

- (b) gives information in the truth of which that person does not believe for the purpose of evading any provision of these regulations;
 - (c) obstructs any officer in executing that person's duty under these regulations; or
 - (d) personates an officer,
- commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and, if the offence is a continuing one, to a fine of fifty dollars for every day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.



SCHEDULE*(regulation 8)***MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH**

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 and the Schedule hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed.....
Master

Countersigned
Ship's surgeon (if carried)

Date.....



ATTACHMENT TO MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

Name	Class or rating	Age	Sex	Nationality	Port, date joined ship/vessel	Nature of illness	Date of onset of symptoms	Reported to a port medical officer?	Disposal of case ¹	Drugs, medicines or other treatment given to patient	Comments

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Clerk of the Cabinet

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 as a Quarantine Officer.



ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation history:

SL #	Law #	Legislation	Commencement	Gazette
	56/2020	Citation of Acts of Parliament Act, 2020	3-Dec-2020	LG89/2020/s1
32/2011		Public Health (Quarantine) (Amendment) Regulations, 2011	26-Apr-2011	G9/2011/s3
		Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations (1997 Revision)	22-Dec-1997	G26/1997/s10
23/1978		Public Health (Quarantine) Regulations, 1978	11-Sep-1978	G19/1978/s2





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