

**Health Services**

Cap. 44.

**HEALTH SERVICES (DISPOSAL OF OFFENSIVE  
MATTER) REGULATIONS, 1969**

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Made by the Minister under section 10 of the Health Services Act. Cap. 44.

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Disposal of Offensive Matter) Regulations, 1969.

**2.** For the purposes of these regulations—  
“filth” includes any decomposing animal or vegetable matter;  
“night soil” means human excreta.

**3.** No person shall throw, deposit, let out or place any filth, night soil, dead animal or other offensive matter or thing of any kind on or about—

- (a) the premises of another person;
- (b) any water-course or beach;
- (c) any public street, road, lane, alley, passage or thoroughfare;
- (d) any other premises or place where such filth, night soil, dead animal or other offensive matter may create a nuisance or be detrimental to the public health.

**4.** No person shall, except with the approval of a Medical Officer of Health, carry any night soil through any public street, road, lane, alley, passage or thoroughfare in any cart, vehicle or receptacle of any kind before the hour of ten o'clock in the evening and after the hour of six o'clock in the morning.

**5.** No person shall use any cart, vehicle or receptacle of any kind for the conveyance of any filth, night soil or other offensive matter of any kind unless such cart, vehicle or receptacle is staunch, tight and closely covered so as to prevent smell or

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leakage in or upon any street, road, lane, alley, passage, thoroughfare or place on or through which such cart, vehicle, or receptacle may pass.

**6.** Any person causing or permitting any filth, night soil or other offensive matter to fall or drop from any cart, vehicle or receptacle on to any street, road, lane, alley, passage, thoroughfare or place shall forthwith—

- (a) remove or cause to be removed such filth, night soil or offensive matter, and
- (b) clean or cause to be cleaned such street, road, lane, alley, passage, thoroughfare or place to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

**7.** (1) No person shall convey any filth, night soil or other offensive matter of any kind in any cart, vehicle or receptacle unless—

- (a) such cart, vehicle or receptacle is first approved by a Medical Officer of Health, and
- (b) the person conveying such filth, night soil or other offensive matter first receives a licence so to do from a Medical Officer of Health.

(2) Any approval or licence issued by a Medical Officer of Health in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) shall be valid for a period which shall expire on the 31st day of December next after issue, but may be renewed for a like period.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2), a Medical Officer of Health may at any time cancel or revoke any licence or approval issued in accordance with paragraph (1) should he consider it in the interest of the public health so to do.

**8.** (1) No person shall let out, throw or deposit any filth, night soil or other offensive matter into the sea except at such sites and in such manner as the Minister may approve.

(2) Every site approved by the Minister shall be clearly indicated by a signpost or signposts, and such signpost or signposts shall state the hours during which filth, night soil or other offensive matter may be let out, thrown or deposited.

**9.** No person shall bury any night soil in any place except at such sites and in such manner as the Minister may approve, and unless such night soil is covered by earth to a depth of not less than eighteen inches below the level of the surrounding ground.

**10.** (1) The owner of any premises which are or are likely to be used—

- (a) as a place of—
  - (i) human habitation; or
  - (ii) habitual employment; or
- (b) by any members of the public as a place of—
  - (i) entertainment; or
  - (ii) refreshment; or
  - (iii) instruction; or
  - (iv) worship,

shall to the satisfaction of a Medical Officer of Health—

- (a) provide any such premises with sufficient and suitable sanitary conveniences for the disposal of human excreta, and
- (b) provide any such premises to which the public are or are likely to be admitted or where persons of both sexes are or are likely to be employed or in attendance, with sufficient and suitable separate sanitary conveniences for persons of each sex.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a suitable sanitary convenience shall be—

- (a) a properly constructed water closet; or
- (b) a properly constructed pit latrine, or
- (c) a properly constructed earth closet, or
- (d) a properly constructed chemical closet, or
- (e) a properly constructed pail latrine,

as may be approved by a Medical Officer of Health.

(3) No person shall dispose of sewage from a water closet except by one of the following systems or into one of the follow-

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ing places for which the prior approval of a Medical Officer of Health is required—

- (a) into a properly constructed public or private sewerage system, or
- (b) into a properly constructed suck well or cess pit, or
- (c) into a properly constructed septic tank, or
- (d) into the sea.

**11.** No person shall cause or permit the effluent from any public sewerage system to flow into the sea or on or into any other place except at such sites and in such manner as the Minister may approve.

**12.** No person shall cause or permit the effluent from any private sewerage system or from any septic tank to flow into the sea or on or into any other place except at such sites and in such manner as a Medical Officer of Health may approve.

**13.** No person shall cause or permit any well, pit, or hole of any description to be used in connection with the disposal of any human or animal excreta or of any filth or of any other offensive matter unless such well, pit or hole shall comply with the provisions of any Act, bye-laws, regulations, orders or directions governing the protection of the underground water supply of Barbados.

**14.** The owner or occupier of any premises where an animal dies or is found dead, or the owner of any animal found dead in any public place, shall cause the body of such animal to be promptly removed and disposed of to the satisfaction of a Medical Officer of Health.

**15.** If the body of any dead animal sent out to sea is brought back by the sea to any place where such body may cause a nuisance or is likely to be detrimental to the public health, the persons responsible for sending the said body to sea shall forthwith cause such body to be removed and disposed of to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, and such person shall be deemed to have committed a fresh offence every day during which such body has not been removed and disposed of.

**16.** If the person responsible for the proper disposal of the body of any dead animal cannot readily be found, or fails satisfactorily to dispose of such dead body within a reasonable time, a Medical Officer of Health shall cause such body to be properly disposed of, but he shall be entitled to recover from the person responsible all expenses reasonably incurred in the disposal thereof.

**17.** Any person who brings or causes to be brought on to any beach, whether above or below high water mark, the shells or entrails of sea-eggs shall as soon as is practicable thereafter, dispose of the said shells or entrails by burial to a depth of not less than three feet or in such manner as may be approved by a Medical Officer of Health to avoid injury to any person using the beach and to prevent the breeding of flies or the occurrence of a nuisance.

**18.** Any person contravening any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues after a conviction is first obtained.

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