" Provided that the Ministry may, from time to time, as an exceptional measure, authorise the detention of female prisoners in Belfast Prison ".

2. These Rules may be cited as the Prison (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1954.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this eighth day of September, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-four, in the presence of

(L.S.) *A. Robinson,*
Secretary.

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Prevention of Infectious and Epidemic Diseases

Aircraft

REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND MARCH, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1878 TO 1949 AND SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1949, and by section one hundred and forty-three of the Public Health Act, 1936 (**a**), as extended to Northern Ireland by the Public Health (Northern Ireland) (Extension of Enactments) Order, 1939 (**b**), and adapted by the Ministries of Northern Ireland (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1945 (**c**), and the Local Authorities (Transfer of Functions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1953, made by the Governor in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, and of the powers conferred upon it by the said section one hundred and forty-three as amended, in relation to aerodromes for the time being vested in or under the control of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, by paragraph 1 of the Eleventh Schedule to the Civil Aviation Act, 1949 (**d**), and extended to Northern Ireland by the Public Health (Northern Ireland) (Extension of Enactments) Order, 1953 (**e**), hereby makes the following Regulations, after consultation with the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, and, so far as they apply to officers of customs and excise, with the consent of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise:—

(**a**) 26 Geo. 5. & 1 Edw. 8. c. 49. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1939/1438; Rev. XVIII, p.881; 1939 II, p.2914. (**c**) S.R. & O. 1945/1423; Rev. XVI, p.1057; 1945 I, p.894.
(**d**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 67. (**e**) S.I. 1953/1681.

Part I

Introductory

Short title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1954.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (a), shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(2) Nothing in these regulations shall apply to any aircraft forming part of Her Majesty's armed forces or to the officers and crew thereof, or to any aerodrome under the control of such forces.

(3) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"additional measures" means such of the additional measures specified in the second schedule to these regulations with respect to the quarantinable diseases as are appropriate;

"aerodrome" means any area of land or water designed, equipped, set apart or commonly used for affording facilities for the alighting and departure of aircraft;

"Aircraft Declaration of Health" means a declaration containing the information specified in the first schedule to these regulations, being either a separate document or a part of the Aircraft General Declaration delivered pursuant to Annex 9 to the Convention on Civil Aviation (Chicago, 1944) (b);

"authorised officer" means the medical officer or any other officer authorised by the responsible authority under regulation 3 to enforce and execute any of these regulations;

"commander" means the person for the time being in command of an aircraft;

"customs airport" means an aerodrome for the time being so designated by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, with the concurrence of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, under Article 54 of the Air Navigation Order, 1949 (c);

"customs officer" means any person acting under the authority of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise;

"district" means a county, a county borough, or a port sanitary district;

"excepted area" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, the Irish Republic, France in Europe, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg;

"immigration officer" means any person appointed by the Secretary of State to act as an immigration officer for the purposes of any Order in Council made under the Aliens Restriction Act, 1914 (d);

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(b) Cmd. 6614 (Misc. No. 6) (1945).
(c) S.I. 1949/349; 1949 I, p. 165.
(d) 4 & 5 Geo. 5. c. 12.

"infected aircraft" means—

(*a*) an aircraft which has on board on arrival a case of human plague, cholera, yellow fever or smallpox; or

(*b*) an aircraft on which a plague-infected rodent is found on arrival; or

(*c*) an aircraft which has had a case of smallpox on board during its voyage and which has not before arrival been subject in respect of such case to appropriate measures equivalent to those provided for in these regulations;

"infected area" means an aerodrome or other area included in the list kept by the medical officer pursuant to regulation 5, and references to an area infected with a specified disease shall be construed accordingly;

"infected person" means a person who is suffering from a quarantinable disease, or who is considered by the medical officer to be infected with such a disease;

"infectious disease" means a quarantinable disease or any other infectious or contagious disease other than venereal disease or tuberculosis;

"International Sanitary Regulations" means the International Sanitary Regulations (W.H.O. Regulations No. 2 (a) adopted by the Fourth World Health Assembly on the 25th May, 1951;

"medical officer" means the medical officer of health of a responsible authority, or any other registered medical practitioner appointed by such authority pursuant to regulation 4;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland;

"national airport" means an aerodrome for the time being vested in or under the control of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation;

"quarantinable disease" means plague, cholera, yellow fever, smallpox, typhus or relapsing fever;

"relapsing fever" means louse-borne relapsing fever;

"responsible authority", in relation to an aerodrome or other place, means the authority charged under regulation 3 with the duty of enforcing and executing these regulations thereat;

"sanitary airport" means a customs airport which has been designated in accordance with Article 19 of the International Sanitary Regulations;

"suspect" means a person (not being an infected person) who is considered by the medical officer to have been exposed to infection by a quarantinable disease and to be capable of spreading the disease;

"suspected aircraft" means an aircraft from which a case of cholera occurring on board during the voyage has been disembarked before the arrival of the aircraft, and which has not before arrival been subjected in respect of such case to appropriate measures equivalent to those provided for in these regulations;

(a) Cmd. 8394 (Misc. No. 6) (1951).

"typhus fever" means louse-borne typhus;

"voyage", in relation to an aircraft, means the flight of the aircraft from its point of origin *via* any intermediate points to its point of termination.

(4) Any reference, however expressed, to a person leaving an aircraft shall be construed as a reference to that person leaving the aircraft and not continuing his journey in that aircraft.

(5) An aircraft shall not be deemed to have been in an infected area if, having voyaged over infected territory, it has alighted in that territory only at a sanitary airport which is not itself an infected area.

Part II

General

Enforcement and execution of regulations

3.—(1) It shall be the duty of the following authorities to enforce and execute these regulations:—

(*a*) at a national airport or any other aerodrome, if it is wholly situate

(i) within a port sanitary district, the port sanitary authority for that district, or

(ii) within any other district, the health authority for that district;

(*b*) at a national airport or any other aerodrome, if it extends into two or more districts, the port sanitary authority or the health authority or such one of the health authorities in whose district or districts any part or parts of the aerodrome is situate as the port sanitary authority and the health authority or authorities may, upon terms and conditions approved by the Ministry, agree, or, in the absence of agreement, the port sanitary authority or the health authority or such one of the health authorities as the Ministry may direct;

(*c*) at any place other than an aerodrome

(i) if it is situate in a port sanitary district, the port sanitary authority of that district;

(ii) if it is situate elsewhere than in a port sanitary district, the health authority of the district in which the place is situate.

(2) The Ministry may attach such terms and conditions as it thinks fit to any direction given by it under this regulation.

(3) Every responsible authority shall exercise their functions through the medical officer and such other officers as they may authorise in that behalf, and shall make such inquiries and take such other steps as may seem to them to be necessary for securing the proper exercise of those functions.

Appointment and duties of authorised officers and provision of services by responsible authorities

4. For the purposes of these regulations, a responsible authority may, and if so required by the Ministry shall—

(*a*) appoint such registered medical practitioners, in addition to their medical officer of health, as may be necessary for the proper enforcement and execution of these regulations;

(*b*) give directions from time to time as to the duties which are to be performed by any medical practitioner so appointed or any other officer authorised to enforce and execute these regulations;

(*c*) at or in connection with a customs airport, provide or arrange for the provision of—

(i) premises or waiting rooms for the medical inspection and examination of persons;

(ii) premises for the temporary isolation of persons in accordance with these regulations;

(*d*) at or in connection with a customs airport, arrange for the reception into a hospital of persons requiring to be removed thereto pursuant to these regulations;

(*e*) arrange for the provision of means of transport for the conveyance of persons to any such premises as are referred to in paragraph (*c*) of this regulation, or to a hospital;

(*f*) at or in connection with a sanitary airport, provide or arrange for the provision of—

(i) apparatus or other means for cleansing, disinfecting and disinsecting aircraft, persons and clothing and other articles, and deratting aircraft;

(ii) a laboratory for the examination of suspected material, or equipment for taking and despatching such material for examination in a laboratory;

(*g*) do all such other things as in their opinion or the opinion of the Ministry, as the case may be, are necessary to enable the provisions of these regulations to be complied with.

List of infected areas

5.—(1) The medical officer at a customs airport shall from time to time prepare and keep up-to-date a list of aerodromes and other areas which are infected or believed to be infected with a quarantinable disease or which may serve other places or areas so infected or believed to be so infected, including areas which have been delineated as yellow fever endemic zones by the World Health Organisation pursuant to the International Sanitary Regulations.

(2) The medical officer shall supply copies of every such list and any amendment thereof to the customs officer at the airport and to the person in charge of the airport.

(3) In preparing and amending the said list, the medical officer shall take into account all information sent to him from time to time by the Ministry.

PART III

INCOMING AIRCRAFT

Inspection of aircraft

6.—(1) The medical officer may, for the purposes of these regulations, inspect any aircraft at a customs airport.