

CONFIDENTIAL

PLYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

Before answering the following questions, read the instructions on Page 4.

Port of Arrival Date

Name of Ship From to

Nationality of Ship Master's Name

Net Registered Tonnage

Deratting Certificate } Issued at Dated

Deratting Exemption Certificate }

No. of Passengers } Cabin No. of Crew

Deck

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, smallpox, typhus or relapsing fever? Give particulars in the Schedule
2. Has plague occurred or been suspected amongst the rats or mice on board during the voyage*, or has there been an abnormal mortality amongst them?
3. Has any person died on board during the voyage* otherwise than as a result of accident? Give particulars in Schedule
4. Is there on board or has there been during the voyage* any case of disease which you suspect to be of an infectious nature? Give particulars in Schedule
5. Is there any sick person on board now? Give particulars in Schedule
<p><i>Note</i>—In the absence of a surgeon, the Master should regard the following symptoms as ground for suspecting the existence of infectious disease: 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.</p>	
6. Are you aware of any other condition on board which may lead to infection or the spread of disease?

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

Signed

(Master)

Countersigned

Date (Ship's Surgeon)

* If more than four weeks have elapsed since the voyage began, it will suffice to give particulars for the last four weeks.

Schedule to the Declaration
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	Illness* of Results	Disposal of Case†
Continued						Health Certificate			Date	

* State whether: Recovered; still ill; died.

† State whether: Still on board; landed at (give name of Port); buried at sea.

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In this Declaration of Health (see Health Questions on Page 1 and Flag Signals on Page 4), infectious disease means a quarantinable disease or any other infectious or contagious disease, other than venereal disease, or tuberculosis.

The following list includes diseases which must be entered:

Chicken-pox	Hepatitis, Infectious	Poliomyelitis
Cholera	Malaria	Psittacosis
Dengue	Measles	Relapsing Fever
Diphtheria	Meningitis (Cerebrospinal)	Scarlet Fever
Dysentery	Mumps	Smallpox
Encephalitis (Acute)	Paratyphoid Fever	Typhus
Erysipelas	Pertussis	Typhoid Fever
German Measles	Plague	Yellow Fever
Glandular Fever	Pneumonia	

For the Information of the Plymouth Port Health Authority

(The following particulars are not prescribed by the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952, but are requested in order to assist and expedite the work of the Port Medical Officer.)

Name of Owners or Agents

Nature of Cargo

Details of Persons on board:—

	British	Alien
(a) Crew		
(a) White
(b) Coloured
Totals
(b) Passengers		
(a) 1st Saloon
(b) Cabin Class
(c) Tourist Class or 3rd Class
(d) Troops
Totals
(c) Other Persons on board
(d) Passengers landing at Plymouth

INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS

Notification of infectious disease, etc., on board

The Master of a ship equipped with a radio transmitting apparatus must, if there are any circumstances on board requiring the attention of the Medical Officer, send a wireless message to "Portelth" Plymouth, stating the name of his vessel and the time on the 24-hour clock she is expected to arrive. This message must be sent off not more than 12 hours and not less than 4 hours before the arrival of the ship.

The Master of a ship not fitted with a radio transmitting apparatus must notify the Port Health Authority, whenever practicable before arrival and otherwise immediately on arrival, of any circumstances requiring the attention of the Medical Officer.

Signals

The Master of any ship (whether from a foreign port or from a port in the United Kingdom) due to arrive in the Port of Plymouth, which has on board or has had on board during its current voyage and within the last four weeks before arrival a case or suspected case of infectious disease, or on which there are any similar circumstances requiring the attention of the Medical Officer, must, when the ship comes within the district of the Port Health Authority, whether by day or night, show or give the following signals:—

- (a) the International three-flag signal LIM flown at the masthead or from where it can best be seen; and
- (b) between sunset or sunrise, either:
 - (i) the signal LIM flashed in the Morse Code by lamp, or
 - (ii) a signal consisting of a red light over a white light, the lights being not more than six feet apart, shown at the peak or from where the signal can best be seen.

The Master of a ship on which there is no case or suspected case of infectious disease or where the attention of the Medical Officer is not immediately required must, if the ship is due to arrive in the Port of Plymouth from a foreign port, show or give the following signals when the ship comes, whether by day or night, within the district of the Port Health Authority:—

- (a) the International flag signal Q flown at the masthead or from where it can best be seen; and
- (b) between sunset or sunrise, either:
 - (i) the signal Q flashed in Morse Code by lamp, or
 - (ii) a signal consisting of a red light over a white light, the lights not being more than six feet apart, shown at the peak or from where the signal can best be seen.

Maritime Declaration of Health

The Master of a ship approaching a port in the United Kingdom, which during its voyage has been in a foreign port, other than an "excepted port" (see below) must fill in and sign the Maritime Declaration of Health as set forth on Pages 1 and 2.

"excepted port" means a foreign port situated on the European coast of France, the coast of Belgium or Holland, the coast of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the coast of the European territory of Italy.)

If the answer to any of the questions on Page 1 is "YES," free pratique will not be granted by Her Majesty's Customs until the vessel has been visited by the Port Medical Officer.

Where a ship comes to a port in the United Kingdom from a foreign port and delivers a Maritime Declaration of Health, and thereafter within four weeks calls at another port or ports in England or Wales in completion of its voyage, the Master must report on arrival to the Customs Officer or Authorised Officer of the Port Health Authority, whoever first boards the ship, any case or suspected case of infectious disease which has occurred on board since the Declaration was delivered and which has not already been reported.

The Maritime Declaration of Health must be completed and ready to deliver to the Officer of H.M. Customs or Authorised Officer of the Port Health Authority whoever first boards the ship.

Restriction on boarding or leaving ships

Article 18 (1) of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952, states:—

"On arrival of a ship from any foreign port or from any infected area which is not a foreign port, no person other than a pilot, a customs officer, an immigration officer or an authorised officer shall, without the permission of the medical officer, board or leave the ship until it is free from control under these regulations, and the master shall take all steps necessary to secure compliance with this provision."

The maximum penalty for breach of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952, is £100, and in the case of a continued offence, a further penalty not exceeding £50 for every day during which the offence continues.

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