

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

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Acting High Commissioner.

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KING'S REGULATION

TO REPEAL KING'S REGULATIONS Nos. 1 AND 4 OF 1907 AND TO MAKE PROVISION TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE INTO THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's Acting High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council, 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

[18th April, 1916.]

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Solomons (Quarantine) Regulation 1916. SHORT TITLE.
2. In this Regulation unless the subject or context otherwise requires,—
 - "The Group" means the islands comprised in the Protectorate established by His Majesty in the Solomon Islands: THE GROUP.
 - "Resident Commissioner" means the Resident Commissioner in the Protectorate and includes any person duly acting as such: RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.
 - "Health Officer" means the Resident Commissioner or any person appointed by him to act as Health Officer under this Regulation: HEALTH OFFICER.
 - "Vessel in quarantine" means any vessel which has not been admitted to pratique or which has been placed in quarantine under the provisions of this Regulation: VESSEL IN QUARANTINE.

INFECTIOUS OR
CONTAGIOUS
DISEASE.

“ Infectious or contagious disease ” means and includes cholera small-pox scarlet fever (scarlatina) oriental plague enteric or typhoid fever typhus fever yellow fever measles and any such epidemic disease as the Health Officer may consider to imperil the safety of the passengers or crew or inhabitants of the Group.

VESSELS TO
PROCEED TO THE
PORT OF TULAGI
OR OTHER PORT
OF ENTRY FOR
PRATIQUE.

3. All vessels entering the Group shall proceed first either to the Port of Tulagi or to any other place that may hereafter be declared by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the powers conferred by the Solomons (Customs) Regulation 1907, to be a port of entry and shall be deemed to be in quarantine until inspected and admitted to pratique by the Health Officer.

QUARANTINE
SIGNALS.

4. Every vessel entering the Group shall on arriving within three miles of the coast exhibit and keep exhibited at the head of the foremast or only mast as the case may be a yellow flag by day and a globular red light by night until such time as pratique shall have been given.

VESSEL TO
ANCHOR WHERE
DIRECTED.

5. No vessel in quarantine shall anchor at any place distant more than two miles from the Port of Tulagi or from any port of entry and every such vessel if so directed shall anchor at such place as the Health Officer may require.

QUARANTINED
VESSEL NOT TO
COMMUNICATE
EXCEPT BY
SIGNAL.

6. It shall be unlawful for any vessel in quarantine to communicate otherwise than by signal with any island vessel or place within the Group, or to approach within one hundred yards of any other vessel in any harbour at any place within the Group, or for any person except as provided for in this Regulation to leave any such vessel or to transmit any article therefrom, or for any person except the Health Officer and his boat's crew to approach within one hundred yards of a vessel in quarantine at any place within the waters of the Group.

INQUIRY BY
HEALTH
OFFICER.

7. The Health Officer shall not grant the vessel pratique until there shall have been delivered to him a copy of the Schedule hereto attached with the questions therein contained answered in writing and signed by the master and by the surgeon (if any) of the vessel. Such master and surgeon shall answer the aforesaid questions truthfully and upon oath or not upon oath according as may be desired by the Health Officer.

INFECTIOUS OR
CONTAGIOUS
DISEASE TO BE
REPORTED.

8. Every master or surgeon of a vessel which shall at any time have on board any person affected by an infectious or contagious disease who shall fail to declare the same by the first opportunity to the Health Officer or who shall attempt to conceal from the Health Officer any person so affected or who shall refuse or fail to bring every person on board such vessel before such Health Officer for inspection at the request of such Health Officer, and the master of any vessel who on the demand of the Health Officer shall fail or refuse to produce for inspection by him the log-book or journal of such vessel, shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

INFECTIOUS OR
CONTAGIOUS
DISEASE TO BE
REPORTED TO
MASTER.

9. Any surgeon of a vessel who shall fail to inform the master thereof of the existence of any infectious or contagious disease on board such vessel, and who shall knowingly allow the introduction of such disease into any port or place in the Group, shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

10. Any person whatever on board any vessel in quarantine or otherwise who shall refuse to answer or who shall answer falsely or evasively any question contained in the Schedule hereto or such other questions as may be put to him by the Health Officer shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

ANSWERING
FALSELY.

11. The Resident Commissioner may by proclamation declare that any port or place beyond or in the Group is infected with a communicable disease and thereupon and so long as the proclamation remains in force that port or place shall be deemed to be infected with the disease specified in respect thereof in the proclamation.

RESIDENT COM-
MISSIONER MAY
PROCLAIM PORTS
TO BE INFECTED.

12.—(1) In the case of a vessel which comes from or has called or touched at any port or place infected with small-pox the Health Officer may require the presentation to him by each person on board thereof of a certificate in writing under the hand of a duly qualified medical practitioner to the effect that the person presenting the certificate has within a period of time not greater than seven years previously to his arrival been satisfactorily vaccinated.

HEALTH
OFFICER MAY
REQUIRE PRE-
SENTATION OF
VACCINATION
CERTIFICATES
&c. IN CERTAIN
CASES.

(2) The Health Officer may if he think fit prohibit the disembarkation from such vessel of any person who fails upon his demand to present a certificate as aforesaid or is unable otherwise to satisfy the Health Officer that he has been satisfactorily vaccinated within the aforesaid period of seven years. The presentation of a certificate as aforesaid shall be accepted by the Health Officer as sufficient evidence of the matter therein certified.

(3) Any person who having been prohibited by the Health Officer from so doing disembarks or attempts to disembark from any vessel as aforesaid or who resists or assaults any person acting under the provisions of this Regulation shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

13. The Health Officer and any person acting under his authority and any European constable may order any person who without due authority leaves or comes from or attempts to leave or come from any vessel or quarantine station or takes or sends or attempts to take or send any person or thing whatsoever from any vessel or quarantine station to return to or remain in or to return such person or thing to such vessel or quarantine station and may by such necessary force as the case may require compel any person refusing or neglecting to obey such order to obey the same.

PERSONS MAY
BE COMPELLED
BY FORCE TO
OBEY ORDER OF
HEALTH
OFFICER, &c.

14. The Health Officer may appropriate or set apart either permanently or temporarily any place or vessel as a quarantine station where any person cargo or baggage may be landed and detained or where any vessel may be anchored in quarantine, and may also temporarily place in quarantine any place or places required for the passage of any person or of any boat or vessel from any vessel or place in quarantine to any other vessel or place in quarantine. Provided that it shall not be compulsory for the Health Officer to set apart or provide any quarantine station as aforesaid.

HEALTH
OFFICER MAY
SET APART
QUARANTINE
STATION.

15. The Health Officer, in any case in which he deems it necessary, may determine a place or places at any greater distance than one hundred yards from any vessel in quarantine or from the boundary of any quarantine station at which guard-posts or guard-boats shall be stationed or warning-signals displayed. At every such guard-post

HEALTH
OFFICER MAY
FIX LIMITS OF
QUARANTINE
STATION.

or guard-boat and for every warning-signal as aforesaid a red flag shall be used by day and a green light by night, and any person except the Health Officer entering the space enclosed by such guard-posts guard-boats or warning-signals shall, if thought necessary by the Health Officer be detained in quarantine and shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

VISITING
PARTIES.

16. A visiting party under the charge of the Health Officer flying a red flag by day or displaying a red light by night may proceed as often as necessary as far as the boundary of the quarantine station or as far as one hundred yards from a vessel in quarantine, or subject to the direction of the Health Officer to any safe or convenient spot at or near low water, in order to convey any communication to and fro and whatever provisions and other necessaries are required by those in quarantine, and shall leave the same in some safe place to be approved of by the Health Officer so that those persons in quarantine may procure such provisions or necessaries after the visiting party shall have retired a distance of at least one hundred yards; but any person in quarantine who shall approach or remain within one hundred yards of any of the visiting party, or any of the visiting party who shall approach or remain within the same distance of any person in quarantine, or any person who shall send or take away from a quarantine station when used as such or from any vessel or boat in quarantine any article that has not previously been disinfected as prescribed by the Health Officer, shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

VESSELS IN THE
GROUP MAY BE
PLACED IN
QUARANTINE.

17. When the Health Officer shall from any cause believe that infectious or contagious disease exists in any portion of the Group and that any vessel other than those coming from beyond the Group should be placed in quarantine it shall be lawful for such Health Officer to direct that such vessel be placed in quarantine, and such vessel shall thereupon exhibit and keep exhibited at the head of the foremast or only mast as the case may be a yellow flag by day and a globular red light by night and shall thenceforth be dealt with under this Regulation as if such vessel were a vessel coming from beyond the Group and shall be placed in quarantine, and such vessel may be ordered to proceed to the Port of Tulagi or to any other place that may hereafter be declared to be a port of entry to perform quarantine.

SIGNALS TO BE
EXHIBITED AT
QUARANTINE
STATION.

18. When any quarantine station is used as such a yellow flag shall be kept constantly flying at some conspicuous place in such station from sunrise to sunset, and from sunset to sunrise such quarantine station shall exhibit a red light, and the display of such flag or such light shall be deemed sufficient notice that such station and the land or sea surrounding it to the distance of one hundred yards or if guard-posts guard-boats or warning-signals have been placed round the quarantine station that the land and sea from the station up to such guard-posts, guard-boats or warning-signals are in quarantine.

BREAKING
QUARANTINE.

19. Every person who being subjected to quarantine shall on any pretence whatsoever leave any quarantine station or any vessel boat or place in quarantine before he shall have been admitted to pratique by the Health Officer shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Health

Officer to permit any person to leave quarantine, under such precautions as such Health Officer may consider necessary, in order to go on board any vessel that has cleared outwards to leave the Group; but any vessel receiving on board any such person or having any communication with the same shall thenceforth be treated as a vessel in quarantine and shall until clear of the Group display quarantine signals.

20. Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent any person from embarking in any vessel when in quarantine for the purpose of being a passenger therein or one of the officers or crew thereof. Provided that nothing in this section shall be held to authorise any person who shall have embarked in any vessel for any of the purposes mentioned in this section to quit such vessel or to communicate otherwise than by signal with the shore or any other vessel in any harbour or roadstead in the Group respectively while such vessel first mentioned shall remain in quarantine, and every person so embarking who shall fail to obey any directions and orders which he shall receive in regard to such embarkation from the officer of police or other officer appointed to direct the due observance of quarantine at any place or quarantine station shall be guilty of an offence against this Regulation.

EMBARKING IN
VESSEL IN
QUARANTINE

21. Should any person through ignorance stress of weather or other accident land upon or approach within one hundred yards of any quarantine station when occupied as such or within one hundred yards of any boat or vessel in quarantine, or proceed within the space enclosed by any guard-boats guard-posts or warning-signals, such person shall be detained in quarantine at his own expense until he can safely be liberated by the Health Officer.

ENTERING
QUARANTINE
STATION
THROUGH
IGNORANCE.

22. All persons belonging to the boat of the Health Officer who shall have been on board any vessel either when such vessel was in quarantine or immediately before such vessel was placed in quarantine shall remain on board such vessel, return thither, or proceed to a quarantine station as may be directed by the Health Officer.

HEALTH
OFFICER'S CREW.

23. In the event of a Health Officer not providing a quarantine station where passengers and cargo may be landed it shall be lawful for any vessel in quarantine to leave the Group with its passengers and cargo notwithstanding that such passengers and cargo may have been received on board for the purpose of being landed or transhipped within the Group.

CARGO AND
PASSENGERS
IN QUARANTINED
VESSEL MAY BE
TAKEN AWAY
FROM THE
GROUP.

24. In the event of a vessel in quarantine arriving at the Port of Tulagi or any other port of entry during the temporary absence of the Health Officer such vessel shall be and remain in quarantine until the return of the Health Officer and for such further period as the Health Officer may direct.

VESSELS IN
QUARANTINE TO
WAIT FOR
HEALTH
OFFICER.

25. Before releasing any person cargo or vessel from quarantine the Health Officer may require that all personal effects cargo or the vessel be disinfected in such manner as he may direct.

CARGO TO BE
DISINFECTED.

26. All expenses incurred in the landing of any persons or cargo in quarantine, in the maintenance of persons in quarantine, and in disinfecting cargo effects or the vessel shall be borne by the master and owners of the vessel;

EXPENSES OF
QUARANTINE TO
BE BORNE BY
VESSEL.

and the Health Officer may require security to his satisfaction for such expenses before allowing any person effects or cargo to be placed in a quarantine station or before admitting any vessel to pratique.

PENALTY.

27. Any person omitting to do anything required by this Regulation, or doing, or aiding, abetting, or advising the doing of anything prohibited by this Regulation, shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both punishments.

DURATION OF QUARANTINE.

28. The duration of any period of quarantine imposed under this Regulation shall in no case exceed the periods of observation permitted under the stipulations of the Paris Sanitary Convention and in respect of cases not provided for in such Convention the period of quarantine to be undergone shall be governed by the regulations in force in the Commonwealth of Australia.

REPEAL OF QUEEN'S REGULATIONS 1 & 4 OF 1907.

29. The Solomons (Quarantine) Regulation 1907 and the Solomons (Quarantine) Amendment Regulation 1907 are hereby repealed, but this repeal shall not affect any penalty forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against either of such Regulations.

THE SCHEDULE.

Questions.

What is the name of the vessel ?
 To what port does she belong ?
 Whence do you come ?
 When did you quit your port of lading ?
 To what places are you bound ?
 At what ports or places have you touched
 on your voyage since you left the port of
 lading and on what dates did you quit each
 of those places ?
 What vessels have you had intercourse or
 communication with on your passage, and on
 what dates, and whence did they come, and
 what was the nature of the communication ?
 Did any infectious or contagious diseases
 exist at the places from which such vessels
 came ?
 Did any infectious or contagious disease
 exist at or in the vicinity of the place whence
 you sailed, or on board any vessel with
 which you had personal intercourse or
 communication on your passage, or at any
 of the places at which you have touched ?
 Are there any persons on board your ship
 affected with any infectious or contagious
 disease, or has any person died or been
 ill of a disease of that nature during the
 voyage ?
 And (if any) what number ? And if any
 have died or been ill of a disease were their
 bedding and clothes destroyed ?
 What number of officers, mariners, and
 passengers have you on board ?
 Have you any, and what Bill of Health ?
 Date

*Answers.**Signature of Master.**Signature of Surgeon*

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