

# ORDER IN COUNCIL

**XI**  
**1978**

ratifying a Projet de Loi

ENTITLED

## **The Registration of Births and Deaths (Supplementary Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 1978**

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(Registered on the Records of the Island of Guernsey  
on the 22nd August, 1978.)

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IN THE ROYAL COURT OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

*The 22nd day of August, 1978, before Charles Keith Frossard, Esquire, Deputy Bailiff; present:—Claude Fortescue Nason, Esquire, Stanley Walter Gavey, Esquire, O.B.E., D'Arcy George Le Tissier, Esquire, Edward James Lainé, Esquire, C.B.E., D.F.C., Walter Francis Robin, Richard Alan Kinnersly, Richard Brook Sutcliffe, Richard Oliver Symons, Albert Richard McCartney Straw, Esquires and Lionel Walter Sarre, Esquire, M.B.E., K.P.M., Jurats.*

The Deputy Bailiff having this day placed before the Court an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 25th day of July, 1978, ratifying a *Projet de Loi* entitled "The Registration of Births and Deaths (Supplementary Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 1978", the Court, after the reading of the said Order in Council, and after having heard Her Majesty's Procureur thereon, ordered that the said Order in Council be registered on the records of this Island, of which Order in Council the tenor followeth:—

# **At the Court at Buckingham Palace**

The 25th day of July 1978

PRESENT,

## **The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council**

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Guernsey and Jersey dated the 9th day of June 1978 in the words following, viz:—

“YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your General Order of Reference of the 22nd day of February 1952, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the States of the Island of Guernsey, setting forth:—

‘1. That, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 27th day of October 1977, the States of Deliberation at a meeting held on the 15th day of December 1977 approved a Bill or “Projet de Loi” entitled “The Registration of Births and Deaths (Supplementary Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 1978”, which Bill is designed to apply to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and requested the Bailiff to present a most humble Petition to Your Majesty in Council praying for Your Royal Sanction thereto. 2. That the States of the Island of Alderney at a meeting held on the 11th day of January 1978 considered the said Bill or “Projet de Loi” when a Resolution was passed agreeing to the application of the same to Alderney. 3. That the Chief Pleas of the Island of Sark at a meeting held on the 18th day of January 1978 considered the said

Bill or "Projet de Loi" when a Resolution was passed agreeing to the application of the same to Sark. 4. That the said Bill or "Projet de Loi" is in the words and figures set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed. And most humbly praying that Your Majesty might be graciously pleased to grant Your Royal Sanction to the Bill or "Projet de Loi" of the States of Guernsey entitled "The Registration of Births and Deaths (Supplementary Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 1978", and to order that the same shall have force of law in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.'

"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition and the said Projet de Loi into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to comply with the prayer of the said Petition and to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi."

HER MAJESTY having taken the said Report into consideration is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the same shall have the force of Law within the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

AND HER MAJESTY doth hereby further direct that this Order, and the said Projet de Loi (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed), be entered upon the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

AND the Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Guernsey, the Bailiff and Jurats, and all other Her Majesty's Officers for the time being in the said Island, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*N. E. Leigh*

Projet de Loi referred to in the foregoing  
Order in Council.

## PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

### **The Registration of Births and Deaths (Supplementary Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 1978**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the twenty-seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

1. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article eleven of the Law entitled "Loi relative à l'Enregistrement des Naissances et Décès dans le Bailliage de l'Ile de Guernesey", registered on the ninth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, as amended<sup>(a)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law"), where a medical practitioner has carried out a post mortem examination of the body of a deceased person and a Law Officer of the Crown is satisfied, after scrutiny of the written report of the medical practitioner upon the post mortem examination, that the death of that person was due to natural causes, the death may be registered on production of a certificate made in accordance with the form set out in the Schedule to this Law signed by the medical practitioner and by the Law Officer of the Crown.

Alternative  
form of  
certificate of  
cause of  
death.

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(a) Ordres en Conseil Vol. X, p. 20; Vol. XX, p. 267; Vol. XXII, p. 48.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article nine of the principal Law, a declaration of death made to the Registrar may be accompanied by a certificate in the form contained in the Schedule to this Law instead of a certificate in the form mentioned in Article eleven of the principal Law.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article thirteen of the principal Law, the Registrar may deliver a Death Certificate and permission to bury in accordance with Form "D" of the Schedule to that Law on receipt of a certificate of the cause of death signed by a medical practitioner and a Law Officer of the Crown in accordance with the form set out in the Schedule to this Law.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In this Law the expression "medical practitioner" means a person authorised to practise as a medical practitioner by the Royal Court in accordance with the provisions of the Doctors, Dentists, Veterinary Surgeons (Authorisation) Ordinance, 1951, as amended<sup>(b)</sup>.

(2) Any reference in this Law to any other enactment shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, repealed and replaced, extended or applied by or under any other enactment, including this Law.

Citation, construction and collective title.

3. (1) This Law may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Supplementary Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 1977, and shall be construed as one with the principal Law.

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(b) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome X, p. 171; Tome XII, p. 117.

(2) This Law and the principal Law may be cited together as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Guernsey) Laws, 1935 to 1978.



# SCHEDULE

Section one

## FORM E

### MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH AFTER POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

Name of deceased ..... Age as stated to me ..... yrs.

Deceased identified to me by .....

Date and time of death as stated to me ..... day of ..... 19....., at ..... a.m.  
p.m.

Place of Death .....

CAUSE OF DEATH		For Statistical purposes only
I		Approximate interval between onset and death
Disease or condition directly leading to death (see Note)	I	I
Antecedent causes	(a) ..... due to (or as a consequence of)	(a) .....
Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause stating the underlying condition last	(b) ..... due to (or as a consequence of)	(b) .....
	(c) .....	(c) .....
II	II	II
Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it	..... .....	..... .....

I hereby certify that I have performed a post mortem examination of the body of the above named deceased person and that the particulars and cause of death above written are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the said cause or causes of death were natural.

Signature ..... Qualifications .....

Date .....

NOTE: This does not mean the mode of dying such as e.g. heart failure, asthenia, etc.; it means disease or complications which caused death.

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THIS SECTION FOR USE BY THE LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN ONLY:

I am satisfied as to the cause of death above certified and that there is no need for an inquest into the circumstances of this death.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19.....

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H.M. Procureur/Comptroller.

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R. H. VIDELO,  
Her Majesty's Greffier.