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Government Notifications

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QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 222)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medical Services under Section 2 and 3 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance (Chapter 222)

PAVITHRA WANNIARACHCHI,
Minister of Health and Indigenous Medical Services.

Colombo,
April 11, 2020.

Regulations

Regulations relating to Storage of Grain and Regulations relating to Anchylostomiasis published in *Gazette* No.7481 of August 28, 1925, as amended from time to time, are hereby further amended as follows: -

- (1) in regulations 46 thereof, by the substitution for the words “affected with any disease referred to in the preceding rule, shall” of the words “affected with any diseases shall,”;
- (2) in regulation 47 thereof, by the substitution for the words “in which a case of any of the diseases referred to in rule 45 occurs,” of the words “in which a case of any disease occurs,”;



(3) in regulation 48 thereof, by the substitution for the words “any of the diseases referred to in rule 45 shall” of the words “any disease shall”;

(4) by the insertion immediately after regulation 61 thereof, of the following new regulation: -

“61A. Cremation of Corpse of a person who has died of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)-

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulations 61 and 62, the corpse of a person who has died or is suspected to have died, of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) shall be cremated-

(a) at the temperature of 800 to 1200 degrees Celsius for a minimum period of forty-five minutes to one hour for complete burning, for the purpose of prevention of any potential biological threat; and

(b) at a cemetery or place approved by the proper authority under the supervision of such authority,

in accordance with the directions issued by the Director General of Health Services.

(2) No person shall handover the corpse of a person who has died or is suspected to have died of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to any person except to persons who undertake the necessary duties of cremation, nominated by the proper authority.

(3) The attire and the non-reusable personal protective equipment used by persons who handle the corpse at such cemetery or place, shall be incinerated by placing them with the coffin during cremation.

(4) The reusable equipment shall be properly decontaminated and disinfected in accordance with the directions issued by the Director General of Health Services.

(5) The ashes of the corpse may be handed over to the next of kin, at the request of such next of kin.”.