

Second Edition

**INFORMATION
FOR TRAVELLERS**

**Notes
on
Vaccination
Certificates**

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SMALLPOX VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

The World Health Organisation, Geneva, is the responsible body for the International Sanitary Regulations. The wording of Article 83 is perfectly clear and declares that objectors to vaccination can refuse the operation without being refused admission into those countries which have accepted the International Sanitary Regulations.

Article 83 READS AS FOLLOWS

1. A health administration may require a person on an international voyage who does not show sufficient evidence of protection by vaccination or by a previous attack of smallpox to possess, on arrival, a certificate of vaccination against smallpox. *Any such person who cannot produce such a certificate may be vaccinated; if he refuses to be vaccinated he may be placed under surveillance for not more than fourteen days, reckoned from the date of his departure from the last territory visited before arrival.*

2. *A person on an international voyage, who during the period of fourteen days before his arrival has visited an infected local area and who, in the opinion of the health authority is not sufficiently protected by vaccination or by a previous attack of smallpox, may be required to be vaccinated or may be placed under surveillance, or may be vaccinated and then placed under surveillance; if he refuses to be vaccinated he may be isolated.* The period of surveillance or isolation shall not be more than fourteen days, reckoned from the date of his departure from the infected local area. A valid certificate of vaccination against smallpox shall be considered as evidence of sufficient protection.

SURVEILLANCE

Extract from Article 27 of the International Sanitary Regulations:

"A person under surveillance shall not be isolated, but shall be permitted to move about freely. The health authority may require him to report to it, if necessary, at specified intervals during the period of surveillance."

TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN THE U.K.

Ministry of Health requirement as from 1st August, 1963 whereby regulations are in force that *all arrivals* at the air and sea ports in the United Kingdom from ASIA, AFRICA and AMERICA, *other than* the United States and Canada, will be required to produce *an official certificate of vaccination.*

QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT

Non-Oral Answer on 22nd July, 1963.

Mrs. Joyce Butler, M.P., asked the Minister of Health whether, when the new regulations regarding the production of vaccination certificates are put into force he will ensure that the provisions of Article 83 of the International Sanitary Regulations which gives international travellers the right to enter any country without being vaccinated on arrival (subject to medical surveillance or isolation depending on where the traveller has been in the previous fourteen days) will be made clear to health officials at United Kingdom seaports and airports.

Mr. Enoch Powell: YES

The Minister's answer in one word thereby confirms that the entry of international travellers may not be denied when such traveller does not possess a smallpox vaccination certificate and refuses to be vaccinated and that alternative sanitary measures of surveillance or isolation are permitted.

British Subjects

This requirement applies equally to those persons returning home from holidays abroad, if arriving from the above continents or an infected area.

Locally Infected Area

The regulations apply also to any infected area as and when notified by the World Health Organisation.

TRAVELLERS FROM THE U.K.

It is advisable to obtain from the local Public Health Officer a letter or certificate stating there has been no smallpox in the area where they are at present residing. This will answer any question as to whether they have travelled from an "infected local area", and consequently only liable to be placed under surveillance for a period of not more than 14 days.

CANADA AND U.S.A.

It must be emphasised that the U.S.A. has accepted the International Sanitary Regulations and their own quarantine regulations are in accordance with Article 83.

The Canadian Government has likewise accepted these regulations.

Further information can be obtained if required.

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& MADE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WISHES
TO STUDY THE HISTORICAL DATA
SURROUNDING THIS SUBJECT.

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