Treaty Series No. 19 (1982)

Additional Regulations

amending the
International Health Regulations (1969),
as amended, in particular with respect
to Articles 1, 7, 18, 19 and 47.

Geneva, 20 May 1981

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OF 20 MAY 1981 AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL
HEALTH REGULATIONS (1969), AS AMENDED, IN PARTICULAR
WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLES 1, 7, 18, 19 AND 47

The Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA33.3, which declares solemnly that the world and all its peoples have won freedom from smallpox;

Considering that, in consequence, the time has come for smallpox no longer to be included among the diseases subject to the International Health Regulations (1969)[1], as amended by the Additional Regulations adopted on 23 May 1973[2];

Recalling the amendments relating to Articles 18, 19, paragraph 2(e), and 47, paragraph 2, kept in abeyance in accordance with resolution WHA27.45;[3]

Having examined the report forwarded to it by the Executive Board at its sixty-seventh session;

Having regard to Articles 2(k), 21(a) and 22 of the Constitution[4];

1.   Decides that smallpox shall no longer be included among the diseases subject to the International Health Regulations (1969), as amended by the Additional Regulations adopted on 23 May 1973;

2.   Includes smallpox among the diseases under international surveillance in accordance with resolution WHA22.47, the provisions of which apply in view of the global eradication of smallpox;

3.   Adopts, this twentieth day of May 1981, the following Additional Regulations[5]:

ARTICLE I

The International Health Regulations (1969) are amended as follows:

PART I—DEFINITIONS

Article 1

"*diseases subject to the Regulations*".   Delete the words "smallpox, including variola minor (alastrim)", so that the definition reads as follows:

"'*diseases subject to the Regulations*' (quarantinable diseases) means cholera, including cholera due to the *eltor* vibrio, plague, and yellow fever;"

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[1] Treaty Series No. 18 (1971), Cmnd. 4650.

[2] Treaty Series No. 51 (1974), Cmnd. 5741.

[3] WHO Official Records, No. 217, 1974, pp. 21, 71 and 81.

[4] Treaty Series No. 43 (1948), Cmnd. 7458.

[5] The French text of these Additional Regulations will appear in the United Nations Treaty Series, available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, P.O. Box 569, London SE1 9NY—Telephone 01-928 6977, ext. 410.

PART II—NOTIFICATIONS AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Article 7

Paragraph 2, subparagraph (*a*). Delete the word " smallpox ", so that the subparagraph reads as follows:

" (*a*) in the case of plague or cholera, a period of time equal to at least twice the incubation period of the disease, as hereinafter provided, has elapsed since the last case identified has died, recovered or been isolated, and there is no epidemiological evidence of spread of that disease to any contiguous area ";

PART III—HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Article 18

Delete, and renumber Article 19 and succeeding articles throughout the Regulations.

Article 19

Paragraph 2, subparagraph (*e*). Delete the words " for vaccination against smallpox, and facilities within the airport " and " cholera and ", so that the subparagraph reads as follows:

" (*e*) facilities within the airport or available to it for vaccination against yellow fever."

PART IV—HEALTH MEASURES AND PROCEDURE

Chapter V—Measures concerning the International Transport of Cargo, Goods, Baggage, and Mail.

Article 47

Paragraph 2. Delete the words " Apart from the measures provided for in Article 64," so that the paragraph reads as follows:

" 2. Goods, other than live animals, in transit without transhipment shall not be subject to health measures or detained at any port, airport, or frontier."

PART V—SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO EACH OF THE DISEASES SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS

Chapter IV—Smallpox

Delete, and renumber Article 83 and succeeding articles accordingly, throughout the Regulations.

PART VI—HEALTH DOCUMENTS

Appendix 3—International Certificates of Vaccination or Revaccination against Smallpox

Delete, and renumber Appendices 4 and 5 accordingly, throughout the Regulations.

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Appendix 4—Maritime Declaration of Health

Health questions, No. 1. Delete the word "smallpox" so that the question reads as follows:

"1. Has there been on board during the voyage* any case or suspected case of plague, cholera, or yellow fever?

Give particulars in Schedule.

Article II

The period provided, in the execution of Article 22 of the Constitution of the Organisation, for rejection or reservation shall be six months from the date of the notification by the Director-General of the adoption of these Additional Regulations by the World Health Assembly.

Article III

These Additional Regulations shall come into force on the first day of January 1982.

Article IV

The following final provisions of the International Health Regulations (1969) shall apply to these Additional Regulations: paragraph 3 of Article 94; paragraphs 1 and 2 and the first sentence of paragraph 5 of Article 95; Article 96; Article 97, substituting the date mentioned in Article III of these Additional Regulations for that mentioned therein; and Articles 98 to 101 inclusive.

In faith whereof we have set our hands at Geneva this twentieth day of May 1981.

Dr. M. VIOLAKI-PARASKEVA

President of the
Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly

H. MAHLER, M.D.

Director-General of the
World Health Organization

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