

Vessels from Porto Rico shall be subjected to no restrictions unless vessels previously from infected ports and not disinfected at Porto Rico.

Vessels from ports, other than fruit ports and Cuban ports, where yellow fever has not been reported for the last two years, and where there resides a medical inspector of the Health Authorities, parties to this conference, or of U. S. P. H. & M. H. service, shall be disinfected upon arriving at the quarantine station after April 15, but shall not be detained.

The passengers shall not be detained.

Vessels which are not included in the foregoing categories, but which are from ports liable to yellow fever, shall be disinfected at the quarantine station and detained five days, beginning April 15.

Vessels from ports supposed to be free of yellow fever, but from which yellow fever has been subsequently reported, shall be disinfected upon arriving at the quarantine station and shall be detained five days.

Free pratique shall be given to non-infected vessels with or without passengers, from ports where yellow fever is suspected or prevails, provided said vessels are disinfected at the port of departure, or at the last port touched at, in a manner satisfactory to the Health Authorities, parties to this conference; provided further, that said vessels, upon arriving at the quarantine station, shall be disinfected again, and provided still further that full five days at least shall have elapsed since the completion of the first disinfection before the second disinfection is done at the quarantine station.

These regulations do not apply to fruit vessels, which operate under special regulations.

Under these regulations non-infected vessels which have been at least five days in transit, since the first disinfection, i.e., "long trip vessels," shall not be detained after the second disinfection.

Vessels which have been less than five days in transit, i.e., "short trip vessels," which have anchored about 1,000 feet away from shore and have not had communication with shore at the quarantine ports, shall not be detained, but the passengers, if any, shall be detained long enough to make five days from the disinfection at the port of departure.

The baggage of such passengers must, of course, be disinfected before being admitted on board.

Only non-infected vessels which have had communication with the shore at the quarantined ports shall be detained long enough to make five days from the first disinfection. They shall be disinfected for the second time at the end of their five days and not on the day of their arrival at the quarantine station.

Healthy vessels, not otherwise subject to quarantine, which have touched for coal or orders at intertropical islands, reported free of infectious disease, without taking on board at such islands either passengers or freight, will be allowed to pass without disinfection or detention, provided they sail from said port between sunrise and sunset of the day of arrival thereat, and they have been more than five days in transit.

Vessels infected shall be disinfected and shall be detained not less than five days after the removal of the last case of yellow fever.

Regulations governing fruit vessels during the quarantine season:—

There shall be a resident medical inspector appointed for each port.

Vessels shall have no communication with the shore and conversely except through the labourers.

Vessels shall carry only fruit and specified articles of freight.

Vessels carrying passengers shall carry a marine medical inspector on board.

Passengers shall not be received on board unless their clothing and baggage have been previously disinfected.

Vessels not carrying passengers, effects and living quarters shall be disinfected but not detained.

Vessels with passengers shall be re-disinfected at port of arrival, i.e., living quarters and effects, neither vessel nor passengers to be detained.

Vessels from infected ports shall all carry marine medical inspectors, those not carrying passengers as well as those carrying passengers. Bocas and Limon are now considered as infected ports.

They shall all be disinfected at the quarantine station.

Passengers from Belize, Livingston, Port Barrios, Port Cortez, Ceiba, and Bluefields shall not be detained unless there has been suspicious sickness on board or at the port. The passengers must be residents of the port, or must have been five days at the port before embarkation.

The passengers' baggage shall be disinfected at the port of departure after April 15.

Mosquitoes on the vessels shall be destroyed at the port of departure.

These vessels shall be disinfected at the quarantine station, particular attention being paid to the destruction of the mosquitoes.

Passengers from Limon and Bocas shall not be admitted during quarantine season.

No vessel shall lie at the wharf at Limon at night longer than absolutely necessary to unload and load. At Bocas they may load at the Chiriqui fruit pier, likewise at Port Cortez.

The vessel's crew shall be kept on board, isolated from the labourers as much as practicable.

The captain or any other officer of the vessel may go ashore to enter and clear his vessel only during daylight, and he shall return aboard immediately without having gone anywhere else, specially into houses.

Sulphur shall be burned in holds of fruit vessels from infected ports after discharge of cargo at port of arrival.

Infected vessels shall be disinfected and shall be detained with all on board at least five days at the quarantine station after the completion of the disinfection and the removal of the last case of yellow fever from the vessel.

Agents may send lighters down to the station to bring the fruit to the city.

Fruit vessels which have left a port declared infected before the Health Authorities parties to this conference had time to place a medical inspector on board, upon arriving at the quarantine station shall be disinfected, the regular crew removed, a new crew placed on board, except the master and engineer, and they shall be allowed to unload at the wharf in the city or shall be detained until five days have elapsed from day of departure and their privilege to proceed to the city.

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The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of the following Telegram from the High Commissioner for Cyprus:—"Medical inspection imposed on arrivals from Egypt. Quarantine removed."