

the Pilot, nor shall anybody go on board her from shore or from other vessels, nor any goods be landed.

Sec. 8.

If the bill of health of the vessel be in order and do not contain any notice of contagious diseases prevailing in the place of sailing, the Health Officer shall at once confer a certificate of health on the vessel, provided the Master declares before him, that no persons are found on board the vessel suffering or having during the voyage suffered from such diseases as may be suspected to be contagious.

If the vessel carries no certificate of health, or only an unlawful one (cf. sec. 2), the Health Officer shall nevertheless as a rule confer a certificate of health on her without delay, provided the Master deliver to him a written bona fide asseveration, that no sick persons whose diseases may be suspected of being contagious, nor the bodies of persons dead of such diseases, are or have been on board the vessel, either in the port of sailing or during the voyage.

If the bill of health of the vessel conveys that a contagious disease has been prevailing in the place of sailing, as well as if there be or have been sick persons on board the vessel during the voyage, or dead bodies, and there be reason to suppose that the disease in question may be or have been of a contagious nature, or there be reason to suppose that the above-said asseveration on the part of the Master be not fully satisfactory, no certificate of health shall be conferred, until the District Physician has examined the vessel and decided on the measures to be taken in order to prevent the introduction and spreading of contagious diseases. The issue of the certificate of health may be postponed, if needful, until the measures ordered by the physician be executed. If no Lazaretto be found in the place, and the physician find, that it will meet with difficulties to isolate the sick from the vessel, the latter together with the sick may be ordered to the next market town, if such removal be not combined with danger to the patients.

If the vessel be stranded, the manager of the salvage shall take care that the rules and regulations contained in this section and in sec. 7 be carried into effect as far as circumstances permit.

Certificates of health are issued free of charge.

Sec. 9.

The Governor in concert with the Head Physician may make such allowances from the rules and regulations contained in secs. 7 and 8, to men-of-war having surgeons on board, and to steamers plying regularly and by official timetables between Iceland and other countries, as may be found appropriate and advisable.

4th Part.

Vessels obliged to carry a Quarantine Flag.

Sec. 10.

If trustworthy intelligence has come to hand, of any foreign disease—not, however, the measles or the scarlet-fever—having appeared somewhere in foreign countries, the Minister for Iceland shall issue an official notification to the purport, that the foreign place in question and—provided the needful measures against the spreading of the disease from said place are not deemed to be taken—the neighbouring places to such extent as circumstances may require, are to be considered infected by the disease in question.

The above measure, however, shall not be taken, if only one or very few persons be suffering from the disease, and if there be no reason to suppose that it will spread.

The Minister for Iceland shall give notice when the measures taken are to be discontinued.

The Governor shall be entitled to issue the notifications mentioned in this section, if he has received trustworthy information of the appearance or cessation of a disease before the eventual notification of the Minister has reached him. In this case he shall without delay report to the Minister what has been done.

Sec. 11.

If a vessel

1. Is coming from, or has during her voyage been in connection with, some place, as to which a notification has been issued pursuant to sec. 10, or where some foreign disease is reported by her bill of health to be epidemic;

2. Has during her voyage been in connection with a vessel which has or has had sick or dead persons on board, who are known or may reasonably be supposed to suffer or to have suffered from some foreign disease;

3. Has or has had, either in the port of sailing, or during her voyage, sick or dead persons on board, who may reasonably be supposed to suffer or to have suffered from some foreign disease;

Such vessel, entering the maritime jurisdiction of Iceland, or intending to touch at any Icelandic port, shall immediately on getting sight of land carry a yellow quarantine flag on her fore-top, or, if a yellow flag be not found on board, a white one, and this flag shall be kept flying until the vessel has got outside the maritime jurisdiction, or has entered some Icelandic port and there obtained a certificate of health.

Sec. 12.

If the case of the vessel be as mentioned in sec. 11 (1 and 2), she is allowed to enter any port.

If, however, her case be as mentioned in sec. 11, (3), she shall not be allowed to touch at any other port than one of the market towns of the country, cases of need or accident excepted.

Sec. 13.

Until permission be given to touch the shore, after the medical examination has taken place, the vessel shall be kept isolated, and none of those on board her shall be allowed to be put on shore, nor anybody from the shore or from other vessels to go on board the same, unless it be in virtue of office or official duty. Such persons as have been on board the said vessel shall be subject to the conditions for disinfection prescribed by the Quarantine Board or the physician, and they may, if necessary, be subject to the same treatment as those arrived by the vessel.

The medical examination of the vessel and the persons on board her shall be undertaken as soon as it is feasible; if no physician be at hand, the Health Officer shall the soonest possible call the District Physician; the Master of the vessel shall, however, be permitted to seek another port attended by a resident physician.

Sec. 14.

If the physician does not find anybody on board suffering from or dead of some foreign disease, and the master gives a written asseveration that nobody on board has been suffering from or has died of such disease, either in the port of sailing or during the voyage, and the vessel has no prohibited goods on board, a certificate of health shall be conferred on her, provided that from 5 to 14 days—according to the disease in question—have elapsed since the time that the vessel was last in connection with any infected place or vessel.