

## **TWENTIETH SCHEDULE**

*(Section 11)*

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS (DUTIES) REGULATIONS**

#### **Short title.**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Health Officers (Duties) Regulations.

#### **General.**

2. An Environmental Health Officer shall perform, under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, all duties imposed upon Sanitary Inspectors by Statute, Order or Regulation or by direction of the Board or of the Local Authority for his or her district.

#### **Systematic Inspection.**

3. An Environmental Health Officer shall keep himself or herself fully informed on the sanitary condition of his or her district in respect of nuisances needing abatement by inspection of his or her district both systematically and at intervals as required.

#### **Nuisances.**

4. An Environmental Health Officer shall, on receiving notice of the existence of a nuisance or the non-observance or breach of any law or regulation made for the suppression of nuisances in his or her district, visit the spot as soon as practicable and inquire into such alleged nuisance or breach of law or regulation.

**Water Supply.**

5. An Environmental Health Officer shall report immediately to the proper authority any pollution or wastage of water supplies.

**Food Inspection.**

6. (1) An Environmental Health Officer shall, from time to time, regularly and forthwith on complaint visit and inspect dairies, food-shops and other food-handling places under the provisions of such Statutes and Regulations dealing with the same and shall examine any animal or part thereof and any article of food or drink in such establishments intended for human consumption.

(2) He or she shall record for report as directed by the Board or Local Authority particulars of action taken with respect to such inspections and examinations.

**Infectious Disease Control.**

7. (1) An Environmental Health Officer shall give immediate notice to the Medical Officer of Health of the occurrence within his or her district of any infectious diseases or other serious outbreak of illness, and whenever it appears to him or her that the intervention of such officer is necessary in consequence of the existence of any nuisance injurious to health or of any overcrowding in a house or of any other condition affecting the health of the district forthwith inform the Medical Officer of Health of the condition.

(2) He or she shall, if so directed by the Medical Officer of Health, remove or superintend the removal of patients suffering from infectious diseases to a suitable hospital or place and perform or superintend the work of disinfection after the occurrence of cases of infectious diseases.

**Housing.**

8. An Environmental Health Officer shall, if so directed by the Board or Local Authority, make an inspection of housing conditions in respect of overcrowding, latrine accommodation and other sanitary conditions.

**Sanitary Works.**

9. An Environmental Health Officer shall, if so directed by the Central Board or Local Authority, supervise the execution of any works which may be undertaken under their direction for the prevention, suppression or removal of nuisances and for disinfestation by residual spraying.

**Offensive Trades.**

10. An Environmental Health Officer shall record from daily inspections for report to the Local Authority or Board all non-observance of regulations in respect of noxious and offensive trades, businesses and manufactories.

**Attendance at Meetings.**

11. An Environmental Health Officer shall attend all meetings of the Local Authority.

**Records and Reports.**

**12.** (1) An Environmental Health Officer shall enter from day to day in a book or on separate sheets or cards provided by the Board or Local Authority particulars of all his or her inspections and of the action taken by him or her in respect of his or her duties.

(2) He or she shall keep a book of separate sheets provided by the Board or Local Authority so arranged as to form a continuous record of the sanitary conditions of each premises in his or her district.

(3) He or she shall keep a book provided by the Board or Local Authority so arranged as to form a continuous record of all action taken under the Public Health Act in respect of any premises in his or her district.

(4) He or she shall maintain in form approved by the Medical Officer of Health a plan or map of his or her district showing the distribution of premises, any works or property under the control of the Board or Local Authority, and any such places or localities which are liable to become a nuisance or injurious to the health of the public.

(5) He or she shall at all reasonable times when requested by the Medical Officer of Health, Board or Local Authority produce his or her books or any of them and render such information as he or she may be able to furnish with respect to any matter to which the duties of the Sanitary Inspector relate.

(6) He or she shall furnish the Medical Officer of Health or Local Authority with weekly reports in tabular form showing—

- (a) the number and nature of inspections made by him or her during the period;
- (b) the number of notices (statutory or other) served during the period;
- (c) the result of the services of such notices.

**Other Duties.**

**13.** In matters not specially provided for in these regulations an Environmental Health Officer shall observe and execute all lawful orders and directions of the Board, of the Local Authority and of the Medical Officer of Health.

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