

CONDOMINIUM DES NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

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make provision for the organisation of the public health services
of the Condominium of the New Hebrides.

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WE, His Britannic Majesty's Resident Commissioner and the
Resident Commissioner for the French Republic DO HEREBY
MAKE the following Joint Regulation:

PART I

ORGANISATION OF STAFF

1. (A) The Resident Commissioners acting jointly may
appoint persons of British or French nationality who are officially
recognised by the British and French Resident Commissioners as
qualified to practice medicine and surgery to be—

Appoint-
ment of
Medical
Officers.

- (a) Chief Condominium Medical Officer;
- (b) Condominium Medical Officers;
- (c) Port Health Officers.

(B) The appointment of the Chief Condominium Medical
Officer shall be approved by the British and French High Commis-
sioners and the person appointed shall be competent to have the
direction of a public health service.

2. The Resident Commissioners acting jointly may appoint
non-European graduates of British or French Medical Colleges to be
Native Medical Practitioners who shall be subordinate to and under
the direction of the Condominium Medical Officers.

Appointment
of Native
Medical
Practitioners.

3. The Resident Commissioners acting jointly may appoint
persons possessing a British or French Medical or Veterinary
Diploma to be Inspectors of meat intended for human consumption.

Appointment
of Meat
Inspectors.

4. The Resident Commissioners acting jointly may appoint
persons to be Sanitary Inspectors.

Appointment
of Sanitary
Inspectors.

5. The Resident Commissioners shall fix by Joint Decision
the headquarters of each Condominium Medical Officer and the
district within which he shall carry out his duties.

Districts of
Officers.

PART II

THE CHIEF CONDOMINIUM MEDICAL OFFICER

6. The Chief Condominium Medical Officer shall be stationed
at Vila and his duties shall include—

- (a) the general oversight of public health in the New Hebrides;
- (b) the giving of technical advice to the Resident Commissioners on all questions concerning public health and native medical welfare;
- (c) the Presidency of the Sanitary Commission;
- (d) the exercise of a general control over the officers of the public health services of the Condominium;
- (e) the carrying out and enforcement of provisions relating to quarantine and preventive measures against epidemic and communicable diseases;
- (f) the supervision of the public health services of Vila.

7. Correspondence from any public health officer to the Resident Commissioners shall be sent through the Chief Condominium Medical Officer, who shall accompany the same by his observations thereon.

Correspondence from public health officers.

PART III

DUTIES OF CONDOMINIUM MEDICAL OFFICERS

8. All Condominium Medical Officers shall undertake the following duties in addition to any duties which they may be required to perform for their respective national services, namely—

- (a) the giving of free medical attention to all natives of the New Hebrides subject to the provisions of articles 16 and 17 hereof;
- (b) the giving of free medical attention to officers of the Condominium services and their families; provided, however, that, when the medical officer is required to treat an officer or his family in the officers' quarters he shall be entitled to charge such fees as shall be fixed by the Resident Commissioners. Except in urgent cases Medical Officers shall not be bound to give free attention hereunder except at the institution to which the Medical Officer belongs and between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning;
- (c) the making of free medical examinations of and reports on officers and employees of the Condominium Services when so required by the Resident Commissioners.

Free Medical attention by Condominium Medical Officers.

9. (A) Condominium Medical Officers shall have the general oversight of the public health of their districts and shall from time to time report to the Resident Commissioners all matters affecting the public health of their districts which shall come to their notice.

General Duties.

(B) When ordered by the Chief Condominium Medical Officer and with the approval of the Resident Commissioners, Condominium Medical Officers and Native Medical Practitioners shall make tours of inspection of their districts and shall report thereon to the Resident Commissioners.

10. The cost of travelling and subsistence incidental to tours made pursuant to Article 9 (B) shall be borne by the Condominium. Claims in respect thereof shall be submitted through and counter-signed by the Chief Condominium Medical Officer.

Cost of
Tours.

11. The Condominium Medical Officers and Native Medical Practitioners may in the course of tours made pursuant to Article 9 (B) leave small supplies of simple drugs and medicines with sick natives, and the cost thereof shall be borne by the Condominium in all cases where the natives are unable to pay for them.

Free
Medicines.

12. Condominium Medical Officers may inspect and treat native labourers at the expense of the employer concerned.

Inspection
of labour.

PART IV

MARITIME HEALTH SERVICES

13. (A) There shall be a British and French Port Health Officer stationed at Vila.

Duties of
Port Health
Officers.

(B) Such Officers shall have the charge of the granting of pratique to vessels entering or leaving the Port of Vila and flying the flag of their respective countries. In the absence or incapacity of one officer the other shall perform his duty without additional remuneration.

(C) Vessels entering or leaving the Port of Vila and flying the flag of other nations shall be granted pratique by the Port Officer designated by the Chief Condominium Medical Officer.

14. Where the Resident Commissioners shall have given approval for a vessel to enter or leave the New Hebrides at or from a place other than Vila the Condominium Medical Officer at or near such place shall perform the duties of Port Health Officer in respect of such vessel.

Pratique at
places
outside Vila.

PART V

NATIVE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

15. The duties of Native Medical Practitioners shall be fixed by Joint Decision of the Resident Commissioners. They shall be under the general supervision of the Chief Condominium Medical Officer and, in the absence of instructions to the contrary, under the direct orders and authority of the Condominium Medical Officer of the districts in which they are for the time being working.

General
duties.

PART VI

NATIVE MEDICAL WELFARE

16. Where natives receive medical or hospital treatment at a National hospital or institution approved by the Resident Commis-

Cost of
treatment of
natives.

...ners, the cost of such treatment shall be payable primarily by the
...tive concerned except in the case of employed natives' whose
...penses shall be paid by their employers. The superintendents of
...ch hospitals or institutions shall make their own arrangements
...r the recovery of sums due hereunder.

17. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding article
...the Condominium shall pay the cost of treatment given as aforesaid
...o indigent natives from funds for which provision shall be made in
...the Condominium Budget. Indigence shall be proved by a certificate
...given under the hand of a District Agent, which shall be attached to
...the claim for payment of such cost.

Cost of
treatment of
indigent
natives.

18. The superintendents of approved hospitals and institutions
...shall compile monthly a list of natives undergoing treatment by them,
...showing details of fees paid by natives and fees owing in respect of
...indigent natives; they shall transmit such lists through the Chief
...Condominium Medical Officer to the Condominium Treasurer, who
...shall thereupon apply to the Resident Commissioners for authority
...to pay the amounts certified to be owing.

Procedure
for claims.

19. Rates of fees for treatment of natives in approved hospitals
...and institutions and for the cost of drugs, medicines and dressings
...supplied to natives therefrom shall be fixed annually by Joint
...Decision of the Resident Commissioners.

Rates of
treatment.

20. The New Hebrides Medical Organisation Regulation,
...Joint Regulation No. 14 of 1931" is hereby repealed, without
...prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

Repeal.

21. This Regulation may be cited for all purposes as "The
...New Hebrides Public Health Services Regulation No. 11 of 1938"
...and shall come into force on the day of the date hereof.

Short Title
and Date of
Coming into
Force.

Dated at Vila this sixteenth day of November, 1938.

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The Resident Commissioner
for the French Republic.

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Resident Commissioner.