

navigation season, I have the honour to request your Excellency, in supplement to the instructions issued by the Ministry of the Interior for the development of the paragraph of the Rules confirmed by His Imperial Majesty on the 26th April, 1893, respecting the precautionary measures to be taken against the introduction of infectious diseases, to instruct the quarantine and other sanitary establishments under your jurisdiction as follows:—

I. Vessels arriving from places infected with cholera are divided, in regard to the application to them of sanitary measures, and irrespectively of the nature of their bills of health, into infected, doubtful, and healthy categories.

A vessel is recognized as infected on board of which there are cholera patients, or new cases of which disease have occurred within the last seven days.

A vessel is considered doubtful when cases of cholera have occurred on board on her departure from a port or during a voyage, but when no fresh case has manifested itself during the last seven days.

A vessel is recognized as healthy, although she may have come from an infected port, but on board which there have been no cases of death, nor cholera seizure, on the departure on her voyage or on the arrival of the vessel.

Infected vessels are subjected to the following measures:—

1. Cholera sick and those suffering from attacks suspected to be of a choleraic nature are removed from the vessel and isolated (§ 11 of the Imperially confirmed Rules, and point 16 of the Instructions for Maritime Quarantine Establishments: *vide* Annexes 1 and 2).

The period of detention of the persons removed from vessels and placed in sick quarters, or some other local infirmary for the treatment of choleraic patients, must not in any case exceed five days, in accordance with point 3, § 11, of the Imperially confirmed Rules of the 26th April, 1893 (*vide* Annex 1); and all persons who, after the expiration of that time, shall not prove to be suffering from one of the infectious diseases specified in § 5 of the Rules (*vide* Annex 3), cannot be detained against their wishes.

Passengers and members of the crew of a vessel who shall be found healthy on medical inspection shall not be subjected to observation.

2. Disinfection shall be stringently carried out in accordance with points 12 and 13 and the observation to point 8 of the Instructions for Quarantine Establishments (*vide* Annex 4), as also in conformity with the Circular Instructions of the Ministry of the Interior of the 24th July, 1893, sub No. 1211 (*vide* Annex 5).

Doubtful vessels shall be subjected to—

(1.) Medical inspection.

(2.) Disinfection, in conformity with points 12 and 13 of the Instructions (*vide* Annex 4).

Vessels found in satisfactory sanitary condition after their inspection, as also their cabins, crews, and passengers, are allowed free pratique (§ 18 of the Imperially confirmed Rules, and point 6 of the Instructions, *vide* Annex 6); vessels, however, though found in a healthy state, but which present unsatisfactory hygienic conditions (§ 17 of the Rules, and point 7 of the Instructions, *vide* Annex 7), shall be allowed to load and receive passengers only after the defects observed by the Medical Inspector shall have been remedied; there will, however, be no detention in the landing of healthy passengers and discharge of goods.

II. The hoisting of a black flag is not obligatory for vessels arriving from cholera-infected

places if no cases of cholera or suspected cholera shall have occurred on board within the last seven days.

III. When in exceptional cases a vessel shall have arrived at a port where there are no quarantine surgeons, but where there is a customs establishment, and when such vessel, owing to a storm or some extraordinary circumstance, could not enter a Russian port provided with a quarantine establishment in order to obtain a bill of health (Article 3 of the Imperially confirmed Rules, *vide* Annex 8), the sanitary inspection of the same, as also the application of all necessary sanitary measures, may be intrusted, at the discretion of the local Governor, to a medical officer under his jurisdiction.

IV. The importation of the following articles from cholera-infected European countries shall be prohibited:—

Bedlinen, clothing, and used articles of dress; as also bed appurtenances that have been in use and brought as part of cargo.

Rags and scraps of clothing.

Exception shall be made in favour of—

(a.) Hydraulically pressed rags imported as wholesale goods in bales, bound with iron bands, and bearings marks and numbers showing the origin of the goods.

(b.) New remnants, exported direct from spinneries, weaving-mills, ready-clothing workshops, or bleaching-mills; artificial wool (shoddy), and cuttings of new paper.

As regards other goods and articles transported on change of residence, as luggage or articles of domestic use, they shall be subjected to the operation of the instructions issued by the Ministry of the Interior on the 3rd July, 1893, for the disinfection of goods imported at medico-inspection stations on the frontier and at quarantine establishments (*vide* Annex 9).

The aforesaid goods and articles shall be exempted from the operation of prohibitive measures on importation on the quarantine authorities being supplied with proof that such articles were dispatched at least five days before the appearance of an epidemic at the place from whence they were forwarded.

(Signed) DURNOVO,

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Secretary of State.

(Countersigned) ROGOSIN.

Annex 1.

Extract from Imperially confirmed Rules for preventing introduction of Epidemic Diseases into Russia by Sea Frontier of April 26 (May 8), 1893.

§ 11. Quarantine procedure on the maritime frontiers shall consist of:—

1. Inspection of sanitary papers;
2. Oral examination, and, in case of necessity, of personal-inspection of crews and passengers;
3. Isolation of persons suspected of suffering from dangerous contagious disorders; and
4. Adoption of necessary measures for improving the sanitary condition of a vessel, and, if necessary, for its disinfection.

Annex 2.

Extract from Instructions for Maritime Quarantine Establishments of July 3 (15), 1893.

Point 16. Persons suffering from infectious diseases, or suspected of the same, and removed from a vessel by the local police, shall be transferred to the infectious wards of the local hospitals, and shall only be left in the reception-rooms of a quarantine establishment when, owing to their