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PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Appointment Nature of	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
W. F. LYLE	Medical Officer of Health	1938	M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H.	Medical Officer to Port Health Authority

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By Medical Officer of Health	By Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	113	769,712	-	93	Nil
Coastwise	1742	1,528,375	-	-	Nil
Total	1855	2,298,087	-	93	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

<u>Passenger Traffic:</u>	Number of passengers INWARDS	215,333
	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	208,843

In addition during the summer months, 3,705 passengers were transported on day trips to Douglas, I.O.M., and 3,790 passengers returned to Heysham.

Cargo Traffic: Principal IMPORTS: Cottons, Linens, Tobacco and Sundry Merchandise.

Total Imports
TONS

Ex Belfast (Coastwise)	128,245
Ex Londonderry (Coastwise)	2,826
Oil Tankers (Foreign)	1,306,040
Oil (Coastwise)	378
Ex Dublin	374

Oil imports are from Ports around Suez, the Persian Gulf, North Africa and South America.

Principal EXPORTS: Sundry Merchandise, Chemical Fertilisers and Machinery.

	<u>Goods Cargo</u> Tons	<u>Bunker Coal</u> Tons	<u>Total Exports</u> Tons
To Belfast (coastwise)	226648	13911	240559
To Londonderry (coastwise)	11181	-	11181
Oil (coastwise)	705465	-	705465
Oil (foreign)	10049	-	10049

A new service to Belfast with ships designed to carry traffic in containers commenced on 21st April, 1958.

LIVESTOCK - Imports and Exports

IMPORTS:

	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Others</u>
Ex Belfast	831	45790	29430	12100	46
Ex Londonderry	142	1754	23141	10083	203

EXPORTS:

To Belfast	37	10	94	92	6
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Principal ports from which ships arrive: Belfast, Londonderry, and Ports around Suez and Persian Gulf.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

NIL

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

- Source of supply for (a) the district; (b) shipping.
(a) Town supply for both.
- Reports of tests for contamination.
(b) Bacteriological and chemical satisfactory.
- Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.
Usual.
- Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by Authority.
(b) None employed.

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SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

1. LIST OF INFECTED AREAS (Regulation 6)

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

Weekly copy from the Ministry forwarded direct to Waterguard Office for Customs Officers and copy retained by Medical Officer.

2. RADIO MESSAGES

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13).

Not ordinarily needed but arrangements have been made for messages to be given immediately by Railway Executive and Shipping Agent to Waterguard Office.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1) and (2)).

See notes to (a) above.

3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO (Regulation 14 (1)(b)).

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon.

This is usually received by the Customs Officer and handed later to the Local Authority.

4. MOORING STATIONS (Regulations 22 to 30.)

Situation of stations, any standing directions issued under these Regulations.

(a) Inner Mooring - for cases of smallpox and typhus (Easterly end of North side).

(b) Outer Mooring - for cases of cholera, yellow fever and plague (at Lune Deeps).

STANDING EXEMPTIONS.

(a) All ordinary notifiable infectious diseases other than those specified above.

(b) Ships otherwise clean, which have arrived from a listed port in an infected area.

LIST OF INFECTED AREAS (Regulation 5)

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

Weekly copy from the Ministry forwarded direct to Waterguard Office for Customs Officers and copy retained by Medical Officer.

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(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13).

Not ordinarily needed but arrangements have been made for messages to be given immediately by Railway Executive and Shipping Agent to Waterguard Office.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships for anti-theft. (Regulation 14 (1) and (2)). See notes to (a) above.

NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO (Regulation 14 (1)(b)).

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon. This is usually received by the Customs Officer and handed later to the local authority.

MOBILE STATIONS (Regulations 22 to 30)

Situation of stations, any standing directions issued under these Regulations.

- (a) Inner hoarding - for cases of smallpox and typhus (Mandatory and of North side).
- (b) Outer hoarding - for cases of cholera, yellow fever and plague (at same side).

STANDING EXEMPTIONS

- (a) All ordinary notifiable infectious diseases other than those specified above.
- (b) Ships otherwise clean, which have arrived from a listed port in an infected area.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR -

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox - See Section VII).

An infectious disease hospital at Lancaster is available for all cases except smallpox. For smallpox cases the Regional Hospital Board will make arrangements.

- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

Contacts requiring to be kept under surveillance would be kept on board or accommodated at hospital.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

A steam disinfecter is provided for bedding and clothing.

Appliances and materials are available for the disinfecting of ships and this would be carried out by the Health Department staff.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Regional Hospital Board will make arrangements.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

A special motor ambulance is available with attendants.

3. Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available.

Dr. D.C. Liddle, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

Submitted to pathologists employed by the Public Health Authority, Preston.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASES.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, include in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

No special arrangement for sailors. There is a clinic at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

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A steam disinfectant is provided for bedding and clothing.
Apparatus and materials are available for the disinfecting of ships and ships
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of the ambulance crew.
3. A special motor ambulance is available with attendants.
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4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.
Submitted to pathologists employed by the Public Health Authority,
Preston.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASES

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities
for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases among persons under
international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make
these facilities known to persons.
No special arrangement for patients. There is a clinic at the Royal Lancaster
Infirmary.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

NIL RETURN

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL RETURN

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR
SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

NONE NEEDED

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.
Ships with expired certificates sent to Barrow.
2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.
Submitted to pathologists employed by the Public Health Authority.
Usually the pathologist attached to the Royal Infirmary, Preston.
3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.
Not carried out.
4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.
Not carried out.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Not known.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Nil.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

No. of informal notices served	Nil
Remedied	Nil

TABLE G

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Vessels boarded - no action necessary.

SECTION IV - CASES OF FORTY-EIGHT AND OTHER UNDESIRABLE SHIPS ON SHIP

TABLE D

NET RETURN

SECTION V - OBSERVATIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYA IN SHIP

NET RETURN

SECTION VI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFESTED WITH OR

SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

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SECTION VII - MEASURES AGAINST SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1.

Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Ships with expired certificates sent to Harbour.

2.

Arrangements for the pathological or pathological examination of rodents.

with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents

sent for examination during the year.

Submitted to pathologists employed by the Public Health Authority.

Usually the pathologist attached to the Royal Infirmary, Freetown.

3.

Arrangements in the district for destroying ships, the methods used, and, if

done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Not carried out.

Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not carried out.

TABLE E

Ships destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Not known.

TABLE F

Destroying Certificates and Destroying Navigation Certificates issued during

the year for ships from foreign ports.

Nil.

SECTION VIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR MALARIA

No. of informal notices served.

Nil.

Cancelled.

TABLE G

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Vessels boarded - no action necessary.

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 AND 1948

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or laying within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

Under the Heysham and Morecambe Bay (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1926, an area of Morecambe Bay was prescribed and any mussels taken from this area must be subjected to an approved process of cleansing or sterilisation before being made available for human consumption. The cleansing process is carried out at Lytham Saint Annes.

No further action under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948 has been necessary.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY
TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS).

Nil - Not a port approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

Nil.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Morecambe and Heysham.
23rd March, 1961.

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 AND 1935

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or laying within the jurisdiction of the authority stating whether they are in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

Under the Hygiene and Horsemeat Act (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1935, an area of Horsemeat Bay was prescribed and any mussels taken from this area must be subjected to an approved process of cleansing or sterilisation before being made available for human consumption. The cleansing process is carried out at Hygiene Station.

No further action under the Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1935 has been necessary.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE)

TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS.

MI - Not a port approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious diseases.

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Horsemeat and Hygiene.
23rd March, 1931.