

3.15.1 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should invite shipowners to take all reasonable precautions to the end that passengers hold any control documents required by Contracting Governments.

Section 4—PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUARANTINE INCLUDING SANITARY MEASURES FOR ANIMALS AND PLANTS

4.1 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities of a State not Party to the International Sanitary Regulations should endeavour to apply the relevant provisions of these Regulations to international shipping.

4.2 *Recommended Practice.* Contracting Governments having certain interests in common owing to their health, geographical, social or economic conditions should conclude special arrangements pursuant to Article 104 of the International Sanitary Regulations when such arrangements will facilitate the application of those Regulations.

4.3 *Recommended Practice.* Where Sanitary Certificates or similar documents are required in respect of shipments of certain animals, plants or products thereof, such certificates and documents should be simple and widely publicized and Contracting Governments should co-operate with a view to standardizing such requirements.

4.4 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should whenever practicable authorize granting of pratique by radio to a ship when, on the basis of information received from it prior to its arrival, the health authority for the intended port of arrival is of the opinion that its arrival will not result in the introduction or spread of a quarantinable disease. Health authorities should as far as practicable be allowed to join a ship prior to entry of the ship into port.

4.4.1 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should seek the co-operation of shipowners to ensure compliance with any requirement that illness on a ship is to be reported promptly by radio to health authorities for the port for which the ship is destined, in order to facilitate provision for the presence of any special medical personnel and equipment necessary for health procedures on arrival.

4.5 *Standard.* Public authorities shall make arrangements to enable all travel agencies and others concerned to make available to passengers, sufficiently in advance of departure, lists of the vaccinations required by the public authorities of the countries concerned, as well as vaccination certificate forms conforming to the International Sanitary Regulations. Public authorities shall take all possible measures to have vaccinators use the International Certificates of Vaccination or Re-Vaccination, in order to assure uniform acceptance.

4.6 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should provide facilities for the completion of International Certificates of Vaccination or Re-Vaccination as well as facilities for vaccination, at as many ports as feasible.

4.7 *Standard.* Public authorities shall ensure that sanitary measures and health formalities are initiated forthwith, completed without delay, and applied without discrimination.