

PART I.

General Provisions.

CHAPTER I.—PROVISIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION ON THE APPEARANCE IN THEIR TERRITORY OF PLAGUE, CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER OR CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

Section I.—*Notification and subsequent Communications to other Countries.*

ARTICLE 1.

Every Government must immediately notify to the other Governments and, at the same time, to the Office International d'Hygiène Publique—

- (1) The first recognized case of plague, cholera or yellow fever found in its territory.
- (2) The first recognized case of plague, cholera or yellow fever which occurs outside the limits of local areas already affected.
- (3) The existence of an epidemic of typhus or of smallpox.

ARTICLE 2.

Every notification prescribed in Article 1 shall be accompanied, or very promptly followed, by detailed information as to—

- (1) The place where the disease has appeared;
- (2) The date of its appearance, its source and its type;
- (3) The number of known cases and deaths;
- (4) The extent of the local area or areas affected;
- (5) In the case of plague, the presence of that disease or of unusual mortality among rodents;
- (6) In the case of cholera, the number of germ carriers when any have been discovered;
- (7) In the case of yellow fever, the presence and relative prevalence (index) of *stegomyia calopus* (*aedes egypti*);
- (8) The measures taken.

ARTICLE 3.

The notifications prescribed in Articles 1 and 2 shall be supplied to the Diplomatic Missions, or, failing them, to the Consulates in the capital of the infected country, and shall be held at the disposal of consular representatives established in its territory.

These notifications shall also be addressed to the Office International d'Hygiène Publique, which shall communicate them immediately to all Diplomatic Missions, or, failing them, to the Consulates in Paris, as well as to the principal public health authorities of the participating countries. Those prescribed under Article 1 shall be addressed by telegram.

The telegrams addressed by the Office International d'Hygiène Publique to the Governments of countries parties to this Convention or to the principal public health authorities of these countries, and the telegrams transmitted by these Governments and by these authorities under this Convention, are classed as Government telegrams, and are entitled to the priority accorded to such telegrams, by Article 5 of the International Telegraphic Convention of the 10th to 22nd July, 1875.