

*Article 48*

Except in the case of an infected person or suspect, baggage may be disinfected or disinsected only in the case of a person carrying infectious material or insect vectors of a disease subject to the Regulations.

*Article 49*

1. Mail, newspapers, books, and other printed matter shall not be subject to any health measure.
2. Postal parcels may be subject to health measures only if they contain:
  - (a) any of the foods referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 70 which the health authority has reason to believe comes from a cholera-infected area; or
  - (b) linen, wearing apparel, or bedding, which has been used or soiled and to which the provisions of Part V are applicable;
  - (c) infectious material; or
  - (d) living insects and other animals capable of being a vector of human disease if introduced or established.

*Article 50*

A health administration shall ensure as far as practicable that containers used in international traffic by rail, road, sea or air shall, in packing, be kept free of infectious material, vectors or rodents.

## PART V—SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO EACH OF THE DISEASES SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS

### Chapter I—Plague

*Article 51*

For the purposes of these Regulations the incubation period of plague is six days.

*Article 52*

Vaccination against plague shall not be required as a condition of admission of any person to a territory.

*Article 53*

1. Each State shall employ all means in its power to diminish the danger from the spread of plague by rodents and their ectoparasites. Its health administration shall keep itself constantly informed by systematic collection and regular examination of rodents and their ectoparasites of the conditions in any area, especially any port or airport, infected or suspected of being infected by rodent plague.
2. During the stay of a ship or an aircraft in a port or an airport infected by plague, special care shall be taken to prevent the introduction of rodents on board.