

STATUTORY RULES.

1926. No. 57.

REGULATION UNDER THE QUARANTINE ACT 1908-1924.

I THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby make the following Regulation under the *Quarantine Act* 1908-1924, to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of April, 1926.

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
NEVILLE HOWSE,
Minister for Health.

AMENDMENT OF QUARANTINE REGULATIONS 1922.

The Quarantine Regulations 1922 (Statutory Rules No. 18 of 1923) are amended—

1. By inserting the following words after the word "fumigation" in the second line of paragraph (a) of regulation 63—"or to fumigation by hydrocyanic acid gas";

2. By omitting regulation 65 and substituting therefor the following:—

65. The following processes are prescribed:—

(a) For the destruction of rats and mice in closed spaces on vessels—

(1) thorough fumigation for at least six hours with a gaseous mixture containing not less than three parts per centum of sulphur oxides. The fumigation shall, wherever practicable, be effected by passing sulphur fumes under pressure into the closed space, the contained air being at the same time partially exhausted. Where sulphur oxides are generated by burning sulphur in pots, 3 lb. of sulphur shall be used for every 1,000 feet of cubic space to be fumigated;

(2) thorough fumigation for at least two hours by hydrocyanic acid gas. The quantities prescribed for use in each of the following methods are those required for every 1,000 cubic feet of space to be fumigated:—

(i) where the gas is evolved by the action of a dilution of sulphuric acid and water on sodium cyanide or potassium

cyanide, not less than 5 ounces of sodium cyanide or $6\frac{1}{4}$ ounces of potassium cyanide shall be used;

(ii) Where the cyanogen chloride gas mixture is the method adopted, not less than 4 ounces of sodium cyanide shall be used;

(iii) Where either liquid hydrogen cyanide or cyclon B is the method adopted, a sufficient quantity shall be used to ensure the evolution of 2.75 ounces of hydrocyanic acid gas.

(b) For the destruction of insects and other vermin on vessels—fumigation by means of sulphur or hydrocyanic acid gas as prescribed, or thorough application of an aqueous solution or emulsion of soft soap, cyllin and kerosene, containing of each one part per centum. The application must be made by means of a mop or scrubbing brush or similar appliance, or by forcibly spraying the mixture into all places infested with or suspected of being infested with fleas, lice, bugs, or similar insects or vermin.