

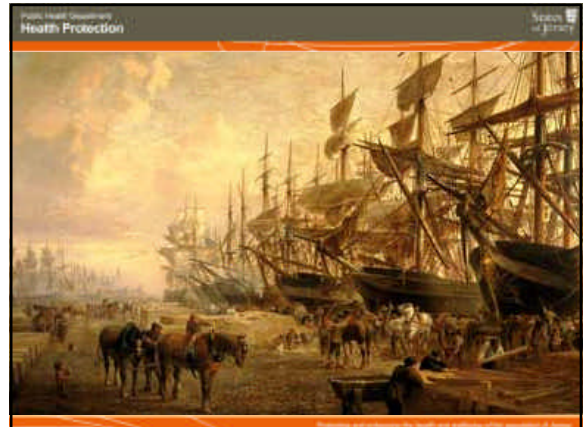
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Around the World in 80 Seconds

12th Inter Island Public Health Forum
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International Health Regulations

History of IHR

- Cholera epidemics throughout Europe between 1830 and 1847
- First International Sanitary Conference in Paris in 1851
- 1851- 1900, eight conventions on the spread of infectious diseases across national boundaries
- Early 1900's multilateral institutions established to enforce these conventions
- 1948 - WHO constitution came into force
- 1951 - WHO Member States adopted the International Sanitary Regulations....
- renamed the International Health Regulations in 1969
- IHR modified in 1973 and 1981

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International Health Regulations

- **Notification of cases**
 - Originally : cholera, plague, yellow fever, smallpox, relapsing fever, and typhus.
 - IHR 1981; cholera, plague and yellow fever
- **Health-related rules for international trade and travel**
- **Measures for deratting, disinfecting, and disinsecting international conveyances**
- **Health documents required:**
 - health and vaccination certificates
 - deratting/deratting exemption certificates;
 - health declarations - Maritime Declaration of Health; Aircraft General Declaration

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International Health Regulations 2005

- **Retains some existing provisions**
 - Yellow fever vaccination certificates
 - » (NB/ NaTHNaC now register clinics to provide yellow fever vaccination <http://www.nathnac.org/>)
 - Obligations at ports of entry
- **New provisions**
 - Strong emphasis on surveillance and response capacity (with timescales for development)
 - Now includes CBRN
 - Emphasis on sharing information internationally
 - Reporting via National Focal Point
 - Deratting/exemption Certification replaced by SSC

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- Notification to WHO of incidents that may constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)
 - list of diseases that must always be notified
 - » Smallpox
 - » Poliomyelitis due to wildtype polio virus
 - » Human influenza caused by a new subtype
 - » SARS
 - decision instrument (Algorithm 2) to apply to other incidents for consideration as potential PHEIC
 - » Cholera, pneumonic plague, yellow fever, VHF's
 - » Any event of potential international public health concern (including those of unknown cause or source)

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Ship Sanitation Certificates

- World wide implications of Ship Sanitation Control/Exemption Certificates
- WHO technical guidance delayed
- European Shipsan Project - newsletter infoeushipsan@eu-shipsan.gr
- APHA SSC electronic system SIMS

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European Port Health Conference - February 2008

- Attended by 24 European jurisdictions
- UK devolved administrations
- 3 UK Crown Dependencies (CDs)
- 7 UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs)
- HPA meeting for CDs and UKOTs

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Islands Port Liaison Network - IPLaN



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Terms of Reference

- improve communication - electronically
- provide information and support
- share good practice
- develop consistency
- develop competence across all jurisdictions

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Competence Framework for Port Health

- Based on HS framework developed by a Joint Project Board
- Behavioural core competences, e.g. IT, numeracy, literacy, organisational skills
- Professional core – business awareness, partnership working, risk assessment, intervention

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- Regulatory core – plan, research, investigate, audit, advise, influence, train, educate
- Technical core -General port health, SSC, Food safety and food standards, Airports, IHR and Port Medical function
- Assumes knowledge of 'first principles'

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Over to you....

- Have you implemented IHR 2005
- Have you amended your local PH(Ships/Aircraft) Regulations?
- Have you assessed 'core capacity'?

- What do you think of the Port Health Competence Framework? – let me know!