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PRISONS ACT
(CHAPTER 247)

PRISONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1995

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 65 of the Prisons Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Prisons (Amendment) Regulations 1995 and shall come into operation on 24th November 1995.

2. The Prisons Regulations (Rg 2) are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 74, the following regulations:

“Examination of prisoners for infectious diseases

74A.—(1) The Director of Prisons may, at any time, require any prisoner to undergo a medical examination by the medical officer for the purposes of ascertaining whether the prisoner is suffering from, or is a carrier of, any infectious disease.

(2) Where a prisoner refuses to undergo the medical examination under paragraph (1) or refuses to provide any sample necessary for the purposes of such examination, the medical officer shall forthwith give a written notification to the Superintendent.

(3) The Superintendent may, upon receipt of the written notification under paragraph (2), direct that the prisoner be detained separately from other prisoners until such time when the prisoner undergoes the required medical examination.

(4) Where a prisoner has been ascertained to be suffering from, or is a carrier of, any infectious disease under this regulation, the medical officer shall forthwith give a written report to the Superintendent.

(5) The Superintendent may, upon receipt of the written report by the medical officer under paragraph (4), direct that the prisoner be detained separately from other prisoners until the medical officer certifies that the prisoner is free from infection or the risk of spreading the infectious disease to other persons is eliminated.

(6) In this regulation, “infectious disease” has the same meaning as in the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137).

Confidentiality in handling of prisoners with AIDS and other sexually transmitted disease

74B. Where, in consequence of any action taken under regulation 74A, any person is aware or has reasonable grounds for believing that a prisoner has Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or is infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or is suffering from a sexually transmitted disease or is a carrier of that disease, the person shall not disclose any information which may identify the prisoner except —

- (a) with the consent of the prisoner;
- (b) in accordance with regulation 74A;
- (c) when ordered to do so by a court;
- (d) to any person who is treating, caring or handling the prisoner;
- (e) to the victim of a sexual assault by the prisoner; or
- (f) where such disclosure is allowed under section 20D of the Infectious Diseases Act.”.

Made this 20th day of November 1995.

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