

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Burial Conditions) Approval 2015 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2015–682

made under the

Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation 2003, section 7 (2), Requirements for Burial of Human Remains – Act, s20.

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Cemeteries and Crematoria (Burial Conditions) Approval 2015* (No 1).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification.

3 Purpose

This instrument is to provide for the minimum requirements for the burial of human remains.

4 Requirements

For the burial of human remains:

- (i) Human remains shall be encased in a material and in a manner that does not permit offensive or noxious emissions nor allow matter from the body to escape prior to burial;
- (ii) Where the person was infected or suspected of being infected by an infectious disease as detailed in clause 5 of this instrument, the remains must be contained in a sealed coffin;
- (iii) The transportation of an encased body must be in a closed container that is capable of being handled so as not to distort or collapse during the normal course of events leading up to burial;
- (iv) If the encased body is to be removed from the container at the burial site, the body must be able to be safely removed;
- (v) If the container is to be reused, it should be capable of being cleaned to prevent the transmission of disease.

5 Infectious diseases

The following infectious diseases require a sealed coffin:

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Anthrax
Acute Viral Hepatitis (Unclassified)	Diphtheria
Hepatitis A, B, C, D	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection (HIV)	Plague
Meningococcal Disease	Small Pox
Rabies	Yellow Fever
Active tuberculosis	(Any) Viral Haemorrhagic Fever including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lassa○ Marburg○ Ebola○ Congo Crimean Fevers

5 Revocation

This instrument revokes Cemeteries and Crematoria (Containers for Burial) Approval 2004 (No 1) NI2004-332.

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