Australian Capital Territory

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Containers for Transportation and Burial) Approval 2020 (No 1)

**Notifiable instrument NI2020–531**

made under the

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2020, section 39 (Approved container or wrapping—application)

**1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Cemeteries and Crematoria (Containers for Transportation and Burial) Approval 2020 (No 1)*.

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 23 August 2020.

**3 Approval**

(1) A container (other than a coffin or eco-coffin) is approved for the transportation and burial of human remains if the deceased person was not infected or suspected of being infected by an infectious disease listed in section 4 and the minimum requirements set out in subsection (2) are complied with.

(2) The container—

(a) must encase the human remains in a material and in a manner that does not permit offensive or noxious emissions or allow matter from the remains to escape from the container before burial; and

(b) must be able to be securely closed before and during transportation; and

(c) must not distort or collapse during the normal course of events leading up to burial of the human remains; and

(d) must, if required, allow the safe removal of the human remains from the container at the burial site; and

(e) if it is to be reused, must be able to be cleaned to prevent the transmission of disease.

**4 Infectious diseases**

If the deceased person was infected or suspected of being infected by any of the following infectious diseases, the human remains must be contained in a sealed coffin:

(a) Active tuberculosis;

(b) Acute Viral Hepatitis (Unclassified);

(c) Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS);

(d) Anthrax;

(e) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD);

(f) Diphtheria;

(g) Hepatitis A, B, C, D;

(h) Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection (HIV);

(i) Meningococcal Disease;

(j) Plague;

(k) Rabies;

(l) Small Pox;

(m) (Any) Viral Haemorrhagic Fever including:

* Congo Crimean Fevers
* Ebola
* Lassa
* Marburg;

(n) Yellow Fever.

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