

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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