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L.N. 391 of 2013

HEALTH ACT, 2013
(ACT XI of 2013)

Functions and Responsibilities of the Department of Health Regulation Regulations, 2013

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 9 and 31 of the Health Act, the Minister for Health has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Functions and Responsibilities of the Department of Health Regulation Regulations, 2013.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 25th October, 2013.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

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"Act" means the Health Act, 2013;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Health.

Functions and responsibilities of the Department of Health Regulation.

3. (1) It shall be the function of the Department of Health Regulation in general to safeguard public health, licence, monitor and inspect the provision of healthcare services in order to ensure their quality and safety, and to recommend the standards to be met by healthcare providers and advise the Minister on matters relating to public health.

(2) In particular the functions and duties of this Department shall include:

(a) to formulate regulations and standards in line with Government direction and to ensure their enforcement;

(b) to advise Government on the public health aspects of regulation of food, medicines, blood, organs and health professionals;

(c) to receive and process applications for the issuing of a licence for any healthcare service, pharmacy and other services falling within public health regulations, provided by healthcare providers;

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(d) to receive and process applications for the issuing of a licence, by the Minister, for any nursing home or home for the aged under article 98 of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance;

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(e) to evaluate, accredit, recognize and licence systems, policies, agencies, entities, and private healthcare providers where the safety of the institution and the service delivery are assured;

(f) to monitor and ensure the maintenance of public health standards and regulations in licensed premises and other entities as appropriate;

(g) to advise Government on public health aspects of emergency preparedness and coordinate emergency response programmes;

(h) to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the public through the enforcement of all national and international regulations and public health legislation;

(i) to prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases and carry out surveillance and control in order to protect the general public from such diseases;

(j) to develop, co-ordinate and evaluate various environment monitoring programmes aimed at reducing health hazards and promoting environmental health;

(k) to maintain national and international networking in the field of public health and representing government in international public health related fora;

(l) to promote research, teaching and training;

(m) to cooperate on issues within the remit of the department, with local and international organisations particularly with the institutions of the European Union involved in health;

(n) to carry out such other function or functions as the Minister may from time to time determine and direct;

(o) to implement any other matter required for the fulfilment of its mission, and for the execution of duties pertaining to the State, as established in the Act.

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