

STATISTICS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

Protocol signed at Paris October 6, 1938, modifying minimum nomenclature of causes of death, with annex

*Entered into force January 1, 1940*¹

Replaced by World Health Organization Regulations No. 1 of July 24, 1948, as amended, which were subsequently replaced by WHO Nomenclature Regulations, 1967,² as between states bound by the regulations

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[TRANSLATION]

PROTOCOL

At the Conference held in Paris on October 6, 1938, convened under paragraph 4 of article 4 of the international agreement dated June 19, 1934,³ relating to statistics of causes of death, the delegations present of governments contracting under the said agreement, viz, the delegations representing the following countries: Germany, Australia, Canada, United States of America, Hungary, Italy, New Zealand, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, have unanimously adopted the modifications in the minimum nomenclature in force which are embodied in the revised minimum nomenclature certified as authentic by the Secretary General of the Conference and annexed hereto.

In faith whereof the undersigned delegates duly authorized to that effect have signified the adoption of the said modifications by their respective governments.

The present protocol deposited in the archives of the French Government shall be open until December 31, 1938, inclusive, for signature by the diplomatic representatives of the countries above mentioned, the delegates of which had not been authorized to engage their respective governments.

Provided, however, that if by January 1, 1939, the number of signatures obtained by either procedure is less than four-fifths of the number of governments represented at the present Conference, the said modifications in the minimum nomenclature in force shall be of no force or effect.

¹ In accordance with the terms of art. 4 of the agreement of June 19, 1934 (EAS 80, *ante*, p. 243).

² 7 UST 79, 11 UST 61, 18 UST 3003; TIAS 3482, 4409, 6393.

³ EAS 80, *ante*, p. 242.

Done at Paris, October 6, 1938, in a single copy, which shall be deposited in the archives of the French Government and of which certified copies shall be furnished to each contracting government.

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INTERMEDIATE NOMENCLATURE

(See the numbers of the detailed nomenclature, indicated in parentheses, for the complete specification of the contents of each rubric).

I. *Infectious and parasitic diseases*

1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers (1 and 2)
2. Plague (3)
3. Scarletina (8)
4. Whooping cough (9)
5. Diphtheria (10)
6. Tuberculosis of the respiratory tract (13)
7. All other tuberculoses (14 to 22)
8. Purulent infection and nonpuerperal septicemia (24)
9. Dysentery (27)
10. Malaria (28)
11. Syphilis (30)
12. Grippe or influenza (33)
13. Smallpox (34)
14. Measles (35)
15. Exanthematic typhus (39)
16. Diseases due to helminthes (40, 41, 42)
17. Other infectious and parasitic diseases (4 to 7, 11, 12, 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 43, and 44)

II. *Cancer and other tumors*

18. Cancer and other malignant tumors of the buccal cavity and of the pharynx (45)
19. Cancer and other malignant tumors of the digestive tube and of the peritoneum (46)
20. Cancer and other malignant tumors of the respiratory apparatus (47)
21. Cancer and other malignant tumors of the uterus (48)
22. Cancer and other malignant tumors of the breast (50)
23. Cancer and other malignant tumors of other organs and of organs not specified (49, 51 to 55)
24. Tumors which are not malignant or the malignant character of which is not specified (56 and 57)

III. *Rheumatic diseases, nutritional diseases, diseases of the endocrine glands, other general diseases, avitaminoses*

25. Acute febrile articular rheumatism (58)
26. Chronic rheumatism and gout (59, 60)
27. Diabetes mellitus (61)
28. Diseases of the thyroid gland and of the parathyroid glands (63)
29. Other general diseases (62, 64 to 66)
30. Avitaminoses (67 to 71)

IV. *Diseases of the blood and of the hematopoietic organs*

31. Pernicious and other anemias (73)
32. Leukemia, aleukemia, and other diseases of the blood and of the hematopoietic organs (72, 74 to 76)

V. *Chronic poisonings and intoxications*

33. Acute or chronic alcoholism (77)
34. Other chronic poisonings (78, 79)

VI. *Diseases of the nervous system and of the sense organs*

35. Nonmeningococcic meningitis (81)
36. Diseases of the spinal cord, except locomotor ataxia (82)
37. Intracranial lesions of vascular origin (83)
38. Mental diseases and deficiencies (84)
39. Epilepsy (85)
40. Other diseases of the nervous system (80, 86, 87)
41. Diseases of the eye, of the ear, and of their annexes (88, 89)

VII. *Diseases of the circulatory system*

42. Pericarditis, including chronic rheumatic pericarditis (90)
43. Chronic affections of the cardiac valves and of the endocardium (92)
44. Diseases of the myocardium, including aneurysm of the heart (93)
45. Diseases of the coronary arteries and angina pectoris (94)
46. Other heart diseases (91 and 95)
47. Arteriosclerosis and gangrene (97 and 98)
48. Other diseases of the circulatory system (96, 99 to 103)

VIII. *Diseases of the respiratory system*

49. Bronchitis (106)
50. Pneumonias (107 to 109)
51. Nontubercular pleurisy (110)
52. Other diseases of the respiratory system except tuberculosis (104, 105, 111 to 114)

IX. *Diseases of the digestive system*

53. Ulcer of the stomach and of the duodenum (117)
54. Diarrhea and enteritis under 2 years (119)
55. Diarrhea, enteritis, and intestinal ulceration, 2 years and over (120)
56. Appendicitis (121)
57. Hernia, intestinal obstruction (122)
58. Cirrhosis of the liver (124)
59. Other diseases of the liver and the gall bladder, including biliary calculi (125 to 127)
60. Other diseases of the digestive system (115, 116, 118, 123, 128, 129)

X. *Diseases of the urinary system and the genital system (not venereal or connected with pregnancy or childbirth)*

61. Nephritis (130 to 132)
62. Other diseases of the kidneys, of the calyces, and of the ureters (133)
63. Stones of the urinary passages (134)

64. Diseases of the bladder, with the exception of tumors (135)
65. Diseases of the urethra, urinary abscesses, etc. (136)
66. Diseases of the prostate gland (137)
67. Other diseases of the genital organs, not designated as venereal or connected with pregnancy or with childbirth (138 and 139)

XI. *Diseases of pregnancy, accouchement, and the puerperal state*

68. Diseases and accidents of pregnancy (142 to 145)
69. Miscarriage not specified as septic (141)
70. Infection after miscarriage (140)
71. Infection during accouchement and the puerperal state (147)
72. Other accidents and diseases of accouchement and of the puerperal state (146, 148, 149, 150)

XII. *Diseases of the skin and of the cellular tissue*

73. Diseases of the skin and of the cellular tissue (151 to 153)

XIII. *Diseases of the bones and of the organs of movement*

74. Diseases of the bones and of the organs of movement, with the exception of tuberculosis and rheumatism (154 to 156)

XIV. *Defects of congenital conformation*

75. Defects of congenital conformation, stillborn not included (157)

XV. *Diseases special to the first year of life*

76. Congenital debility (158)
77. Premature birth, stillborn not included (159)
78. Consequences of accouchement, stillborn not included (160)
79. Other diseases special to the first year of life (161)

XVI. *Senility, old age*

80. Senility, old age (162)

XVII. *Violent and accidental deaths*

81. Suicides (163, 164)
82. Homicides (165 to 168)
83. Automobile accidents (all motor vehicles) (170)
84. Other violent or accidental deaths, automobile accidents not included (169, 171 to 195)
85. Deaths of soldiers (and of civilians) in the course of war operations (196, 197)
86. Executions by law (198)

XVIII. *Undetermined causes of death*

87. Nonspecified or indefinite causes (199, 200)