

APPENDIX

LAISSEZ-PASSER FOR A CORPSE

This *laissez-passer* is issued in accordance with the Agreement on the Transfer of Corpses, in particular Articles 3 and 5¹.

Authority is hereby given for the removal of the body of:

Name and first name of the deceased

.....

died on at

State cause of death (if possible)² and ³

.....

at the age of years

Date and place of birth (if possible)

The body is to be conveyed.....

..... (means of transport)

from (place of departure)

via(route)

to (destination)

The transport of this corpse having been duly authorised, all and sundry authorities of the States over whose territory the corpse is to be conveyed are requested to let it pass without let or hindrance.

Done at on

Signature of the competent authority

Official stamp of the competent authority

1. The text of Articles 3 and 5 of the Agreement is to appear on the reverse side of the *laissez-passer*.
2. The cause of death should be stated in English or French or in the numerical WHO code of the international classification of diseases.
3. If cause of death is not stated for reasons of professional secrecy then a certificate indicating the cause of death should be placed in a sealed envelope accompanying the corpse during transport and be presented to the competent authority in the State of destination. The sealed envelope, which shall bear some external indication for identification purposes, shall be securely attached to the *laissez-passer*.
Alternatively, an indication should be made on the *laissez-passer* as to whether the person died of natural causes and of a non-contagious disease.
If this is not the case, the circumstances of the death or the nature of the contagious disease should be indicated.

AGREEMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF CORPSES

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Article 3

- 1 Any corpse shall, during the transfer, be accompanied by a special document (*laissez-passer* for a corpse) issued by the competent authority of the State of departure.
- 2 The *laissez-passer* shall include at least the information set out in the model annexed to the present Agreement; it shall be made out in the official language or one of the official languages of the State in which it was issued and in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe.

Article 5

The *laissez-passer* is issued by the competent authority referred to in Article 8 of this Agreement, after it has ascertained that:

- a all the medical, health, administrative and legal requirements of the regulations in force in the State of departure relating to the transfer of corpses and, where appropriate, burial and exhumation have been complied with;
- b the remains have been placed in a coffin which complies with the requirements laid down in Articles 6 and 7 of this Agreement;
- c the coffin only contains the remains of the person named in the *laissez-passer* and such personal effects as are to be buried or cremated with the corpse.