

Notices to Readers

Review of Human Quarantine Legislation

Call for Submissions

As part of the implementation of the Competition Principles Agreement, the National Centre for Disease Control is undertaking a review of Human Quarantine Legislation (provisions in the *Quarantine Act 1908* and subordinate legislation relating to Human Quarantine).

The Review Steering Committee is chaired by Dr Judith Whitworth, Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer and Director of Human Quarantine. It also includes representatives of Commonwealth agencies with a direct role or interest in Human Quarantine

policy or administration, and a representative of the Chief Quarantine Officers network in the States and Territories. The Steering Committee is to report to the Minister for Health in early 1998.

The Steering Committee is seeking submissions to the Review from all interested stakeholders in industry, non-government and government sectors. A discussion paper outlining challenges inherent in contemporary Human Quarantine and communicable diseases regulation has been developed to provide a framework for

submissions, and will be available shortly from the:

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Communicable Diseases - Australia Internet web site

'<http://www.health.gov.au/hfs/pubs/cdi/cdihtml.htm>'

The web site contains 4 major subject areas, each subdivided as outlined below:

- *Communicable Diseases Intelligence* publication
- National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS)
- Outbreaks
- Software and other links

Communicable Diseases Intelligence (CDI) publication

1. Introduction to *CDI* - a brief description of *CDI*.
2. Current issue - the most recent issue of *CDI* is available in both the 'Adobe Acrobat' format and 'html' format. The whole publication or individual parts can be downloaded from this page.
3. *CDI* fortnightly tables - disease notification table for the current fortnight.
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- 1997 issues - archive of 1997 issues in 'Adobe Acrobat' format.
5. 1996 issues - archive of 1996 issues in 'Adobe Acrobat' format.

National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS)

1. Introduction to NNDSS - a brief description of the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System.
2. Annual data - disease notification tables for the period 1991 to date, by year and month; disease notification tables for the period 1991 to date, by year and State/Territory. These tables are updated each fortnight.
3. Australian population data - Australian population data 1990 to 1996, by State.
4. 1996 Annual report.
5. 1995 Annual report.
6. 1994 Annual report.

Outbreaks

1. Australia: Australian disease outbreak information, updated as appropriate.
2. Overseas: overseas disease outbreak information, updated as appropriate.

Software and other links

1. Acrobat Reader software - download facility for Adobe Acrobat Reader Software (Version 3).
2. Epi Info software site - link to the Epi Info software site.
3. Other Australian and international communicable diseases site - links to other international Internet web sites related to communicable diseases, such as the World Health Organization, the United Kingdom Ministry of