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GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN CONSOLIDATIONS

Miscellaneous

c.	means "chapter".
CIF	means "comes into force".
NIF	means "not in force".
s.	means "section" or "sections", "subsection" or "subsections", "paragraph" or "paragraphs".
Sch.	means "schedule".

Citation of Acts

R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.D-22	means Chapter D-22 of the <i>Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988</i> .
R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.10(Supp.)	means Chapter 10 of the Supplement to the <i>Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988</i> . (<i>Note: The Supplement is in three volumes.</i>)
S.N.W.T. 1996,c.26	means Chapter 26 of the 1996 Annual Volume of the Statutes of the Northwest Territories.
S.Nu. 2002,c.14	means Chapter 14 of the 2002 Annual Volume of the Statutes of Nunavut.

Citation of Regulations and other Statutory Instruments

R.R.N.W.T. 1990,c.A-1	means Chapter A-1 of the <i>Revised Regulations of the Northwest Territories, 1990</i> .
R-005-98	means the regulation registered as R-005-98 in 1998. (<i>Note: This is a Northwest Territories regulation if it is made before April 1, 1999, and a Nunavut regulation if it is made on or after April 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2000.</i>)
R-012-2003	means the regulation registered as R-012-2003 in 2003. (<i>Note: This is a Nunavut regulation made on or after January 1, 2000.</i>)
SI-005-98	means the instrument registered as SI-005-98 in 1998. (<i>Note: This is a Northwest Territories statutory instrument if it is made before April 1, 1999, and a Nunavut statutory instrument if it is made on or after April 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2000.</i>)
SI-012-2003	means the instrument registered as SI-012-2003 in 2003. (<i>Note: This is a Nunavut statutory instrument made on or after January 1, 2000.</i>)

CAMP SANITATION REGULATIONS

Interpretation

1. In these regulations,

"adequate" means adequate in the opinion of an environmental health officer; (*approprié*)

"building" includes tent or other suitable enclosure; (*bâtiment*)

"camp" means a camp as defined in section 3 of the Act and includes the sleeping, kitchen, dining and recreation quarters and facilities of the camp and the areas between and adjoining those quarters and facilities, but does not include a camp of less than 10 occupants; (*camp*)

"medical quarters" means any building or enclosure used as a first aid station or hospital; (*locaux utilisés pour les soins médicaux*)

"operate", used in relation to a camp, means to own, establish, operate, or maintain or cause to be established, operated or maintained, a camp, or to manage or to be in charge of a camp; (*exploiter*)

"waste disposal ground" means a waste disposal ground that complies with the requirements of the General Sanitation Regulations. (*décharge*)

R-037-2019,s.2(a),3.

2. Every person who operates a camp shall furnish the Chief Public Health Officer during the operation of the camp with whatever information the Chief Public Health Officer may require in respect of it. R-037-2019,s.4.

3. (1) No person shall operate a camp unless it is maintained in a sanitary condition and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless

- (a) it is located on a sanitary site;
- (b) the drainage of the camp is arranged so as to prevent pollution of any water supply, lake, stream or other water course;
- (c) it is situated, except with the approval of an environmental health officer, at a distance of not less than 30 m from any water supply, lake, stream or other water course;
- (d) it is clear of weeds, underbrush and tall grass;
- (e) it is sufficiently spacious to prevent overcrowding and is constructed so as to permit adequate cleansing and disinfecting;
- (f) it is kept in a good state of repair and cleanliness, and the floors of the sleeping, kitchen, dining, medical and recreation quarters are swept once a day and scrubbed once a week or where there is no floor, the ground surface is swept daily;

- (g) it is provided with
 - (i) an adequate water supply, including a safe drinking water supply protected from contamination,
 - (ii) a heating system that shall, in cold weather, maintain in occupied sleeping, kitchen, dining, medical and recreation quarters, a temperature of at least 18°C during the night,
 - (iii) ablution and latrine facilities that comply with subsection (2), and
 - (iv) adequate refuse and garbage receptacles which have tight-fitting covers; and
- (h) it otherwise complies with or meets in all respects the requirements of these regulations.
R-037-2019,s.2(b).

(2) Ablution and latrine facilities for camps shall be furnished on the following scale:

- (a) flush toilets in the following ratio:
 - one toilet for 1 to 5 persons,
 - two toilets for 6 to 10 persons,
 - three toilets for 11 to 15 persons,with the addition of one toilet for each 15 persons after 15 persons;
- (b) urinals in the ratio of one for each 25 persons;
- (c) a wash basin of stainless steel, porcelain or its equivalent in the ratio of one for each five persons with one mirror over each basin;
- (d) individual shower units with non-slip flooring together with adjacent dressing cubicles in the ratio of one to 11 persons.

(3) The ablution and latrine facilities shall be cleaned daily by members of the camp staff. Washrooms and toilets shall be part of the same building that houses the sleeping quarters of the persons for which the ablution and latrine facilities are supplied. Adequate supplies of paper towels, toilet tissue and individual drinking cups shall be supplied in washrooms.

Sleeping and Medical Quarters

4. Subject to section 5, no person shall operate a camp unless the sleeping and medical quarters of the camp, including sleeping and medical quarters provided in tents, have

- (a) a minimum of 4.6 m² of floor space for each occupant;
- (b) a minimum of 11 m³ of air space for each occupant;
- (c) a separate bed or bunk with a clean palliasse or mattress for each occupant;
- (d) windows or ventilation flaps that can be opened;
- (e) means of roof ventilation that can permit continuous circulation of air;

- (f) every exterior opening designed or situated so as to protect the occupants against draughts, and covered with adequate pest, insect or vermin-proof screen or netting; and
 - (g) a floor that is elevated at least 380 mm from the ground and that is double boarded or built so as to allow no cracks, and is made of smooth finish to permit easy cleaning and scrubbing.
- 5.** Where tents are used as sleeping or medical quarters in a camp, the person who operates the camp shall locate the tents on dry, well-drained ground, and in winter he or she shall provide the tents with a floor that complies with paragraph 4(g) and protect the walls of the tents with impervious material extending 900 mm above the floor.
- 6.** No person who operates a camp shall permit the use of double tier bunks for sleeping in the camp unless the interior walls extend at least 2.4 m above the floor level.
- 7.** No person shall operate a camp unless it is provided with ample washing facilities that include
- (a) an adequate supply of hot water and an adequate number of wash-basins and showers for the personal use of the occupants;
 - (b) an adequate number of wash-basins in the kitchen for the use of the personnel employed in the kitchen and dining quarters;
 - (c) an adequate number of receptacles in the kitchen for dishwashing; and
 - (d) adequate facilities for the washing of clothes.
- 8.** Every person employed in a camp shall provide his or her own towel and other toilet articles unless such articles are provided by the operator.
- 9.** No person shall make available or use common or roller towels in a camp.

Kitchen and Dining Quarters

- 10.** No person shall operate a camp unless
- (a) a building or other enclosure is provided for use as kitchen and dining quarters either combined together or not, and subject to paragraph (b), the building or enclosure is separate and apart from any other building or enclosure used as sleeping quarters;
 - (b) the sleeping quarters of the personnel employed in the kitchen and dining quarters are separated from the kitchen and dining quarters, where it is more practicable that the sleeping quarters be located in the same building or enclosure;
 - (c) the kitchen and dining quarters are provided with windows or ventilation flaps sufficient to give adequate light and ventilation;
 - (d) every exterior opening of the kitchen and dining quarters is protected with adequate pest, insect or vermin-proof screen or netting;

- (e) the non-perishable food supplies are stored in adequate containers kept in an orderly manner and under sanitary conditions in a screened and vermin-proof room or enclosure separate from the kitchen or dining quarters; and
- (f) perishable food supplies are stored in a cool place properly protected against flies and in such a way as to prevent possible spoilage or contamination.

11. No person shall sleep or permit any other person to sleep in the kitchen or dining quarters of a camp except in sleeping quarters provided for sleeping under paragraph 10(b).

Dishwashing

- 12.** No person shall operate a camp unless all dishes, glasses, cutlery and other containers or utensils used in the camp for the storage, preparation or serving of food or drink are, before being used again, cleaned thoroughly, in the following order:
- (a) by washing in a warm detergent solution that is capable of removing grease and food particles (maintained at a temperature of at least 44°C and not more than 60°C);
 - (b) by rinsing in clear water;
 - (c) by immersion in boiling water;
 - (d) by allowing them to drain.

13. No person employed in the kitchen or dining quarters of a camp shall dry with a towel any dishes, glasses, cutlery or other containers or utensils used at any time in the preparation or serving of food or drink.

Food Handlers

14. (1) No person who operates a camp shall employ or permit to be employed in the camp as a cook, server or dishwasher, or in any other capacity in the preparation or serving of food or drink, any person whom he or she knows or suspects to be suffering from a communicable disease.

(2) No person shall work in a camp as a cook, server or dishwasher, or in any other capacity in the preparation or serving of food or drink, where the person knows or suspects himself or herself to be suffering from a communicable disease.

- 15.** Every person who is employed in a camp as a cook, server or dishwasher or in any other capacity in the preparation or serving of food or drink, shall, in the performance of his or her work,
- (a) present a clean and tidy appearance;
 - (b) wear washable outer garments;
 - (c) use all reasonable means to avoid direct contact with food or drink; and

- (d) keep his or her hands and arms clean at all times while engaged in handling food or drink or drinking utensils or equipment.
- (e) **repealed, R-037-2019,s.5.**
R-037-2019,s.5.

Latrines

16. Subject to subparagraph 3(1) (g)(iii), every person who operates a camp shall, in addition,

- (a) remove daily from the latrines or urinals waste paper, litter or other refuse;
- (b) make available at all times in the latrines an adequate supply of toilet paper;
- (c) provide adequate urinals which comply with the *General Sanitation Regulations*, located conveniently near sleeping quarters in the camp;
- (d) at regular intervals, cover the excreta with an adequate layer of sand or earth, or empty the latrine pits or trenches and remove the excreta to a waste disposal ground; and
- (e) maintain latrines and urinals in a sanitary condition at all times.

Refuse and Garbage Disposal

17. Every person who operates a camp shall place all refuse and garbage from kitchen, dining, sleeping and recreation quarters and storage space, in tightly covered receptacles, and

- (a) remove daily the refuse and garbage to appropriate trenches and cover it with earth or sand;
- (b) remove the refuse or garbage to a waste disposal ground; or
- (c) otherwise dispose of it in an adequate manner.

Communicable Disease

18. Where a person in a camp is suffering or is suspected of suffering from a communicable disease, the person who operates the camp shall

- (a) when possible, cause that person to be isolated immediately in a suitable building or enclosure and treated until removed to a hospital;
- (b) cause that person to be removed to a hospital as soon as possible;
- (c) immediately cause to be taken every precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the disease in the camp; and
- (d) notify an environmental health officer of the occurrence and of the precautionary measures taken.
R-037-2019,s.2(c).

19. Where a person dies in any camp, the person who operates the camp shall immediately notify an environmental health officer of the death and of the cause of death, if known, and shall immediately cause to be taken such precautionary measures as may be necessary to protect the health of the other occupants of the camp. R-037-2019,s.2(d).

General

- 20.** Every person who operates a camp shall
- (a) take adequate measures to prevent the infestation of clothing, bedding, bunks and other parts of the camp with lice, bedbugs, cockroaches or disease-carrying insects; and
 - (b) keep available in the camp an adequate supply of disinfectants.
- 21. Repealed, R-037-2019,s.6.**
- 22.** No person shall
- (a) expectorate, urinate, defecate, bathe, wash or cleanse any portion of his or her person, or wash or cleanse any clothing or material, in or near any water supply, lake, stream or other water course from which water is drawn or used for human consumption or ablution purposes in a camp, or do any other act which may pollute the water or otherwise render it unfit for human use; or
 - (b) cause or permit in the vicinity of any camp the deposit or accumulation of any garbage, manure, filth, boxes, paper or other refuse, or anything that constitutes or may constitute an insanitary condition, or that may facilitate the propagation of vermin or create any fire hazard, or that may otherwise be dangerous to the public health.
- 23.** (1) Every person who finds the carcass of a dead animal in or near a camp shall notify the owner of the animal and the owner shall, within 12 hours, cause the carcass to be disposed of in an adequate manner.
- (2) Where there is no owner or the owner is unknown, the person who finds the carcass shall notify the person in charge of the camp and that person shall cause the carcass to be disposed of in accordance with subsection (1).
- 24.** Every person who operates a camp shall exercise the necessary supervision to ensure that the camp complies with these regulations R-037-2019,s.7.
- 25.** Every person who operates a camp shall, on the closing of the camp, cause
- (a) all garbage and rubbish to be collected and buried;
 - (b) privy pits and latrine trenches to be covered with earth to a depth of at least 300 mm; and
 - (c) the grounds and buildings or enclosures of the camp to be left in a clean and sanitary condition.

26. The sanitary requirements prescribed for a camp in these regulations shall, to the extent that compliance with the requirements is feasible, also be applicable to the work, construction or enterprise for which the camp is operated.

27. Every person who operates a camp shall post in a conspicuous place in the camp a copy of

- (a) sections 33 and 34 of the Act;
- (b) section 15 to 18 of the *Camps Health Services Act*;
- (c) these regulations.
R-037-2019,s.8.

28. The person who operates a camp shall be deemed to have contravened these regulations where the camp does not comply in any respect with the requirements of these regulations.