



MINIMUM COMMUNAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF A LOCAL AUTHORITY: TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL

1. **CAMPS**

- 1.1 Prior to the erection of any camp, the Contractor shall submit to the Technical Officer, for his approval, details of his proposals as to the site, water supply, sanitation, and size and type of buildings. Where the site is on private land, the Contractor shall submit the written approval for the use of the site of the relevant statutory authority and of the owner and occupier of the land (as applicable).
- 1.2 Camps must not be erected on land infested with field rodents.
- 1.3 Adequate drainage shall be provided to carry off storm and waste water.
- 1.4 Buildings shall be built to a neat and orderly pattern.
- 1.5 All buildings shall have smooth, hard, impervious floors, graded to provide effective drainage and to permit washing.
- 1.6 Camps shall be maintained by the Contractor at his own expense in a clean and tidy condition. The Contractor shall take such steps as the Technical Officer and landowner/occupier may demand to prevent the creation of a nuisance.
- 1.7 When so instructed by the Technical Officer, the Contractor shall, at his own expense, erect suitable screens between the camp and any public road, thoroughfare or railway line.
- 1.8 After removal of a camp, the Contractor shall, at his own expense, restore the site to its original condition to the satisfaction of the Technical Officer and of the landowner and occupier where the site is on private land.

2. **HOUSING**

- 2.1 Every living room shall have cross ventilation, both constant and occasional. Where only one window is provided, it shall not be in the same wall as the door.

- 2.2 Dimensions of living rooms shall be sufficient to allow 3.5 square metres of floor area and 11 cubic metres of air space for each person over the age of 10 years. The floor area of any living room shall not be less than 7,8 square metres.
- 2.3 Flat-roofed quarters shall have a minimum roof height of 3 metres above floor level. For quarters with pitched roofs, the wall height shall be not less than 2,6 metres above the floor with a minimum height above floor of 3 metres at the top of the pitch.
- 2.4 Doors shall not be less than 2m x 0,75m and must be halved.
- 2.5 Windows of each living room shall have an area not less than one twelfth of the floor area and shall be capable of opening to at least half their full area.
- 2.6 In areas where malaria is prevalent, doors and windows must be fitted with gauze screens.
- 2.7 Cooking shelters shall comprise roofed structures, three sides of which shall be enclosed by a weatherproof material, approved by the Technical Officer to a height of at least 1m above ground level.
- 2.7.1 Sleeping quarters shall not accommodate more than 8 persons per room.
- 2.7.2 Pegboards shall be carried on metal or concrete supports and shall be separated by partitions not less than 0,4 metres high extending to within 150mm of the end of the bunk. Pegboards shall be removable for cleaning.

3. **WATER SUPPLY AND ABLUTION FACILITIES**

- 3.1 The Contractor shall ensure that an adequate and conveniently situated supply of potable water is provided.
- 3.2 Separate buildings for ablution facilities shall be provided. Where approval has been obtained for the housing of both males and females, separate facilities for each sex shall be provided. The proportion shall be 1 cubicle for 20 persons.
- 3.3 Waste water shall be hygienically disposed of.

4. **SANITATION**

- 4.1 Separate buildings for latrine facilities shall be provided. Where housing are provided for both males and females, separate facilities for each sex shall be provided. The proportions shall be at least one squatting seat for every 15 persons or less in the case of pit latrines, or one for every 10 persons or less in case of pail latrines. Latrines shall be fly proof and sited at least 10 metres from any other building, and shall not face on any public road, thoroughfare, railway line or residential property. Pits shall not be less than 2,5 metres deep and sited not less than 120 metres from nearest underground water source.

- 4.2 Latrines shall be so constructed, situated and maintained, and night soil so disposed of as to prevent access by animals, breeding of flies, pollution of streams and domestic water supplies, and other nuisances. Where a night soil removal service is operated by a competent authority, use of such service shall be obligatory, and the use of pit latrines and atria pits will not be permitted.
- 4.3 At least one refuse bin of adequate size with close fitting lid shall be provided for each building. Refuse bins shall be emptied and cleaned out daily.
- 4.4 Labour shall be employed on camp sanitation duties on the following basis:-
- 4.4.1 Where the number of persons living at the camp is 20 or less - one unit.
- 4.4.2 For additional numbers over 20 living at the camp - one unit per 100 or part thereof.
- 4.5 Unless refuse is removed by a competent authority, it shall be disposed of in pits and covered over daily with a layer of earth or ash of sufficient thickness to prevent depredations by rodents and the breeding of flies.
- 4.6 Adequate measures shall be taken against all vermin and insects responsible for the spread of disease. Any instructions of a competent health authority shall be carried out promptly and implicitly.
- 4.7 Buildings and bed boards shall be treated whenever necessary with an approved insecticide.
- 4.8 The Contractor shall permit and facilitate inspection of the camp and structures on the site by the staff of Transnet or any other competent authority, and shall comply with any reasonable request by such staff or any other competent authority to eliminate any unsanitary condition.
- 4.9 Any outbreak of infectious disease shall immediately be reported telephonically and confirmed in writing to the Technical Officer.
- 4.10 The keeping of animals of any sort is not permitted.
- 4.11 The Contractor shall have on hand at the camp the necessary tools, disinfectants and cleaning materials to maintain and clean the sanitary facilities.

5. **RATIONS**

Rations, where supplied by the Contractor, shall be stored in a suitable and rodent proof building with sufficient shelving.

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