**Quarantine Act**

**S.C. 2005, c. 20**

Assented to 2005-05-13

An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

**Short Title**

**Marginal note:Short title**

**1** This Act may be cited as the [*Quarantine Act*](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/Q-1.1).

**Interpretation**

**Marginal note:Definitions**

**2** The following definitions apply in this Act.

***communicable disease*** means a human disease that is caused by an infectious agent or a biological toxin and poses a risk of significant harm to public health, or a disease listed in the schedule, and includes an infectious agent that causes a communicable disease. (*maladie transmissible*)

***conveyance*** means a watercraft, aircraft, train, motor vehicle, trailer or other means of transportation, including a cargo container, that arrives in Canada or is in the process of departing from Canada. (*véhicule*)

***departure point*** means any point designated by the Minister under section 10. (*point de sortie*)

***entry point*** means a point designated by the Minister under section 9 or a point where a customs office, within the meaning of subsection 2(1) of the [*Customs Act*](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-52.6), is located. (*point d’entrée*)

***health assessment*** means an evaluation of the relevant medical history and the travel history of a traveller and a physical examination, including an examination of the traveller’s head, neck and extremities and the measurement of vital signs such as the traveller’s temperature, heart rate and respiratory rate. (*contrôle médical*)

***medical examination*** includes ascertaining the relevant medical history and the travel history of the person being examined, the conduct of a physical examination and any laboratory tests or radiographic or diagnostic tests that are required to make a determination of whether the person might have a communicable disease. (*examen médical*)

***medical practitioner*** means a person who is entitled to practise medicine by the laws of a province. (*médecin*)

***Minister*** means the Minister of Health. (*ministre*)

***operator*** means any person in charge of a conveyance, and includes the conveyance crew. (*conducteur*)

**Powers of Minister**

**Marginal note:Designating analysts and certain officers**

* **5** **(1)** The Minister may designate qualified persons, or classes of qualified persons, as analysts, screening officers or environmental health officers.
* **Marginal note:Designating quarantine officers**

**(2)** The Minister may designate medical practitioners or other qualified health care practitioners, or classes of such persons, as quarantine officers.

* **Marginal note:Designating review officers**

**(3)** The Minister may designate medical practitioners as review officers.

* **Marginal note:Certificate to be produced**

**(4)** The Minister shall give a certificate of designation to every screening officer who is not also a customs officer, to every quarantine officer and to every environmental health officer. An officer to whom a certificate has been given shall produce it, on request, to the person in charge of a place or conveyance that the officer inspects and to any person that the officer questions.

**Travellers**

**Marginal note:Obligation on arriving travellers**

**12** Every person who is subject to subsection 11(1) of the [*Customs Act*](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-52.6) and enters Canada shall, immediately after entering, present themselves to a screening officer at the nearest entry point.

**Marginal note:Obligation on departing travellers**

**13** Every person who leaves Canada through a departure point shall, immediately before leaving, present themselves to a screening officer or quarantine officer at the departure point.

**Marginal note:Screening technology**

* **14** **(1)** Any qualified person authorized by the Minister may, to determine whether a traveller has a communicable disease or symptoms of one, use any screening technology authorized by the Minister that does not involve the entry into the traveller’s body of any instrument or other foreign body.
* **Marginal note:Refusal to be screened**

**(2)** If a traveller refuses to be screened with the screening technology and the person using it is not a screening officer or quarantine officer, the person shall immediately inform a screening officer or quarantine officer of the refusal.