

Regulations on the Death of Foreign Nationals (1938)

Article 1 - As soon as one of the foreign nationals dies, the police station of the district of his residence must submit a medical certificate, which explains the cause of death, together with the following information in detail to the Registry of Personal Status of the district:

1. Name, family name and nationality of the deceased;
2. Number of the residence permit and the passport, indicating the place of issue;
3. Date of death;
4. Place of death, indicating the governor's jurisdiction in which the death has taken place.
5. The circumstances in which death happened, together with any other explanations which may be necessary to the case.

Article 2 - The Registry of the Personal Status shall issue the death certificate indicating the nationality of the deceased and shall send it through the Central Registry of the Personal Status to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This Registry shall also send copies of the death certificate to the Office of the Public Prosecutor and then to the Police Department, notifying them of the event so that each can perform their related functions.

Article 3 - If the deceased has abandoned his property in Iran without having any legal heir or substitute, the Police Department shall immediately inform the Office of the Public Prosecutor so that necessary measures could be taken. These measures for preserving and securing the property of the deceased are to be taken according to the regulations concerning implementation of the Act on the Property of the Foreign Deceased Persons.

Article 4 - The Police Department shall send the passport of the deceased and his identity card, if any, to the district office of the public prosecutor, and this office shall act in accordance with the following procedure:

If names of those who used to accompany the deceased, such as his wife and children, have been entered into the passport of the deceased, the above-mentioned office shall indicate the death of the original holder of the passport, and shall note that the passport is only valid with respect to other persons whose names have been indicated. It shall also return the passport to those who used to accompany the deceased. Otherwise, the passport shall be delivered to the Ministry of Justice to be sent, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the relevant Embassy of the deceased.

Article 5 - The residence permit of the deceased together with a copy of the official death certificate and a report explaining the event shall be sent by the police department to the Office for the Residence of Foreign Nationals and to the Office of Passport Affairs.

Article 6 - In regions where there is no Police Department, the functions of the Department shall be performed by the agents of the gendarmerie; if there are no gendarmerie agents in the region, by the district mayor, and if there is no district mayor in the region such duties shall be performed by the head of the village.