

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

§ 26015. Reports of Fetal Death.

Each fetal death of 350 grams or more, or if weight is unknown, of 20 completed weeks gestation or more, calculated from the date the last normal menstrual period began to the date of delivery, which occurs in the CNMI (Saipan, Rota, Tinian or Northern Islands) shall be reported within 5 days after delivery to the Health and Vital Statistics Office or as otherwise directed by the Registrar. All induced terminations of pregnancy shall not be reported as fetal deaths and shall be reported by the attending physician to the Registrar for statistical purposes and to the Department of Public Safety.

(a) When a fetus is delivered in an institution, the person in charge of the institution or his or her designated representative shall prepare and file the report.

(b) When a fetus is delivered outside an institution, the physician in attendance at or immediately after delivery shall prepare and file the report.

(c) When a fetal death required to be reported by this section occurs without medical attendance at or immediately after the delivery, or when an inquiry is required by the Attorney General's Office, the attending physician, pathologist or medical examiner shall investigate the cause of the fetal death and shall prepare and file the report within 5 days.

(d) When a fetal death occurs in a moving conveyance and the fetus is first removed from the conveyance in the CNMI (Saipan, Rota, Tinian or Northern Islands) or when a fetus is found in the CNMI and the place of fetal death is unknown, the fetal death shall be reported in the CNMI (Saipan, Rota, Tinian or Northern Islands). The place where the fetus was first removed from the conveyance or the fetus was found shall be considered the place of fetal death.

Source: PL 15-50, § 17.