



CONSOLATO D'ITALIA

Perth

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED FOR THE TRANSFER OF HUMAN REMAINS TO ITALY

1. The corpse must be enclosed in a double coffin, one of wood and one of metal. Trademark with building company's name must be visible on both coffins.
2. The metal coffin must be filled with a layer of sawdust or any other appropriate absorbent material. The thickness of the metal coffin must not be less than 7/10 of a millimeter if the material is zinc, or 1.5 millimeters if the material is lead. The thickness of the wooden coffin must not be less than 25 millimeters, built of solid one-piece boards and the joining of the boards must be groove-edged. Each section of the coffin must be joined with a good quality glue and strengthened with screws placed at not more than 50 centimeters interval.
3. The remains must be prepared as follows: injections to the thorax and the abdominal cavity of 1 liter (approx. 2 pints) of one of the following chemicals:
 - a) solution of corrosive sublimate at 3/1000
 - b) solution of carbonic acid at 5/100
 - c) solution of formalin at 30/100

the corpse must be then wrapped in cotton, soaked in a solution of carbolic acid at 5/100

4. Documents required by the Department of Shipping, Customs, etc., are the responsibility of the Funeral Directors;
5. The following documents must be forwarded to the Italian Consulate at least four weeks before the repatriation:
 - a) one certified copy of the Death Certificate legalized ("Apostilled") by the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Tel: 9231 4499) and translated into Italian by a NAATI accredited translator (see list on our website:
http://www.consperth.esteri.it/Consolato_Perth/Menu/In_linea_con_utente/Banche_dati/)
 - b) Doctor's certificate stating cause of death;
 - c) Health Department's letter for international and interstate repatriation of human remains from Western Australia, stating the cause of death and that at the time of death there were no contagious diseases in the area. In case of deceased women, the maiden surname must be included in said letter. The letter must then be legalized ("Apostilled") by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and translated into Italian;
 - d) Consular fees payable by cash or via debit card¹
 - e) Declaration by Funeral Directors that the remains have been prepared as described above;
 - f) Flight details.

N.B. The transportation and entry into Italy of remains of persons deceased for more than three years, is subject to certification by the Department of Health (in the country where the death occurred), clearly stating that the cause of death was not due to contagious illnesses.

¹ Subject to variation every quarter.