

## Addendum to “Medico-Legal Death Investigation Systems – Sri Lanka”

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*To provide a clearer and better understanding of the disposal of the dead in Sri Lanka, the following paragraph was added by the authors under the sub-topic ‘Inquiry Into Sudden Death’ on page 54.*

Births and Deaths Registration Act provisions the registering and disposing of dead bodies in local settings where a death registrar issues a certificate of death once he is notified of the death. Such a body cannot be moved outside this designated area for disposal unless written permission is obtained. Furthermore a Grama Niladhari officer or a police officer of the area can inform about a death, including cause, to a registrar. A cause of death for a deceased individual can also be provided by a medical practitioner, who had attended last illness of the deceased. When a superintendent of an estate receives information of a death occurring in the estate, he shall verify the information and authorize the disposal of the body within the estate<sup>5</sup>.

### REFERENCE

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