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## Revised United States Standard

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Association.]

the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as Servant, Cook, Housemaid, etc. whatever, write None. tired, 6 yrs.) For persons who have no occupation ness, that fact may be indicated thus: Farmer (repation at beginning of illness. If retired from busiaccount of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occu-If the occupation has been changed or given up on children, not gainfully employed, as At school or At entered as Housewife, Housework or At home, and engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid precise specification, as Day laborer, Farm laborer, Laborer—Coal mine, etc. Women at home, who are second statement. and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, occupation is very important, so that the relative man," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more man, (b) Grocery; (a) Foreman, (b) Automobile fac-As examples: (a) Spinner, (b) Cotton mill; (a) Saleslatter statement; it should be used only when needed. and therefore an additional line is provided for the ments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work tive engineer, Civil engineer, Stationary fireman, etc. term on the first line will be sufficient, e.g., Farmer or tive of age. question applies to each and every person, irrespechealthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The But in many cases, especially in industrial employ-Housekeepers who receive a definite salary), may be Planter, Physician, Compositor, Architect, Locomo-Statement of Occupation.—Precise statement of The material worked on may form part of the Care should be taken to report specifically For many occupations a single word or Never return "Laborer," "Fore-

Statement of cause of Death.—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: Cerebrospinal fever (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); Diphtheria (avoid use of "Croup"); Typhoid fever (never report

consequences (e. g., sepsis, tetanus) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommenda-Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hem-Committee on Nomenclature of the American tions on statement of cause of death approved by "Puenpenal peritonitis," etc. orrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a for malignant neoplasms) Measles; Whooping cough; Medical Association.) The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and homicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide way train-accident; Revolver wound of head-Examples: Accidental drowning; struck by railprobably such, if impossible to determine definitely. VIOLENT DEATHS State MEANS OF INJURY and qualify which surgical operation was undertaken. birth or miscarriage, as "Puerperal septicemia," Always qualify all diseases resulting from childdefinite disease can be ascertained as the cause. portant. tercurrent) affection need not be stated unless imnephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or ingin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, periloneum, etc., pneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); "Typhoid pneumonia"); Lobar pneumonia; Broncho-Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstitial Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of ..........(name ori-ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OF HOMICIDAL, OF 88 d8.; Bronchopneumonia Example: Measles (disease causing death), (secondary), State cause for

Norm.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept cortificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, collulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorphage, gangrone, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, perrosis, peritonitis, phiebitis, pyemia, septicomia, tetanus." But general adoption of the ininimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.