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ANATOMY

The Anatomy Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made 21st September 1992

Coming into operation 4th November 1992

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(5), 7(6), 10(1) and 13(4) and (7) of the Anatomy (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Anatomy Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1992.

(2) In these Regulations, “the Order” means the Anatomy (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

Records relating to anatomical examinations and anatomical specimens

2.—(1) A person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 5(2) of the Order shall compile records in a permanent form in relation to each anatomical specimen which is in his possession or in the possession of another person to whom he has given permission to have possession of the anatomical specimen which records shall contain the particulars specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The particulars referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows—

- (a) the full names and sex of the deceased person whose body is used for anatomical examination, his date of death, his age at the time of death and the cause of death;
- (b) the date and time at which the body is received by him at the premises where the anatomical examination is to be carried out;
- (c) whether authority for the anatomical examination of the body was given in pursuance of paragraph (2) or (3) of Article 6 of the Order and the name and address of the person lawfully in possession of the body who authorised the use of the body in accordance with paragraph (2) or (3) of that Article, as the case may be;
- (d) the name and address of any person to whom he has given permission under Article 5(4)(b) of the Order to have possession of the body or any separated part of the body who retains possession of the body or such separated part for a period exceeding one month;

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- (e) particulars of any wishes expressed by the deceased person or the surviving spouse or any surviving relative of that person in relation to the disposal of the body after the anatomical examination has been concluded;
- (f) the date and method of disposal of the body after the anatomical examination has been concluded.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 5(2) of the Order shall retain records compiled in accordance with paragraph (1) for a period of 5 years beginning with the date of disposal of the body.

(4) Where a person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 5(2)(a) of the Order is licensed under Article 7(5) of the Order to have possession of parts of the body and retains parts after the body has been disposed of he shall retain such records compiled in accordance with paragraph (1) as are required for the purposes of regulation 3(1) for the period specified in regulation 3(3).

Records relating to parts of bodies retained after anatomical examinations have been concluded

3.—(1) A person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 7(5) of the Order to have possession of parts of bodies shall compile records in a permanent form in relation to parts of bodies in his possession or in the possession of another person to whom he has given permission to have possession of such parts which records shall contain the particulars specified in paragraph (2).

- (2) The particulars referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows—
 - (a) a description of the parts of bodies which he has in his possession identifying the bodies from which they were separated;
 - (b) whether authority for possession of parts of a body whose anatomical examination has been concluded was given in pursuance of paragraph (2) or (3) of Article 8 of the Order and the name and address of the person who gave authority for possession to be held;
 - (c) the name and address of any person to whom he has given permission under Article 7(5)(b) of the Order to have possession of a part of the body who retains possession of such part for a period exceeding one month.

(3) A person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 7(5) of the Order shall retain records compiled in accordance with paragraph (1) in respect of the parts separated from each body until the latest date of the disposal of any part of the body from which the parts were separated.

Examination and disposal of bodies and care of parts of bodies

4.—(1) Except in relation to a body to which paragraph (3) applies, a person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 5(2) of the Order shall ensure that—

- (a) as soon as practicable after a body is received at the place where anatomical examination is to take place the body is subjected to a suitable process for its preservation;
- (b) a body is held in possession only for such period as an adequate state of preservation of the body is maintained;
- (c) all bodies in his possession are stored in an orderly and hygienic manner in suitably designed rooms equipped with adequate facilities for regulating temperatures;
- (d) where an anatomical examination is carried out by a person who is authorised to carry out the examination by virtue of Article 5(3)(b) of the Order, (in this paragraph referred to as "the authorised person") the authorised person is adequately supervised by a person who is licensed under Article 5(2)(a) of the Order unless the authorised person is sufficiently qualified and trained to carry out anatomical examinations in an orderly and efficient manner without such supervision;
- (e) after anatomical examination of a body has been concluded its disposal shall, so far as practicable, be in accordance with any wishes expressed by the deceased or any surviving spouse or surviving relative of his and that separated parts of the body, other than those parts which are held in possession by virtue of Article 8 of the Order, are, so far as practicable, disposed of with the body from which they were removed.

(2) Except in relation to a body to which paragraph (3) applies, a person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 7(5) of the Order shall ensure that parts of bodies the possession of which is lawful by virtue of Article 8 of the Order are stored in an orderly and hygienic manner in suitably designed rooms equipped with adequate facilities for regulating temperatures.

(3) This regulation shall not apply in relation to the body of a person who died before the coming into operation of these Regulations.

Offences

5. A person who without reasonable excuse contravenes any provision of regulation 4 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 21st September 1992.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make provision for the records which persons licensed under the Anatomy (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 to carry out anatomical examinations are required to compile and retain.

The Regulations also specify requirements relating to the examination and disposal of bodies and parts of bodies after their examination has been concluded, and the care of parts of bodies.

A penalty for contravention of regulation 4 is also provided.