



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Principal terms used

[^{F1}1A Reference to Directives

In this Act—

“the first Directive” means Directive [2004/23/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells,

“the second Directive” means Commission Directive [2006/17/EC](#) of 8 February 2006 implementing Directive [2004/23/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain technical requirements for the donation, procurement and testing of human tissues and cells, [^{F2}as amended by Commission Directive [2012/39/EU](#),]^{F3}...

[^{F4}“the third Directive” means—

- (a) in the application of this Act in relation to Great Britain, Commission Directive [2006/86/EC](#) of 24 October 2006 implementing Directive [2004/23/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards traceability requirements, notification of serious adverse reactions and events and certain technical requirements for the coding, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells (“the 2006 Directive”), as it had effect immediately before 29 April 2015 (which is the date on which the amendments made by Commission Directive [2015/565/EU](#) came into force), and
- (b) in the application of this Act in relation to Northern Ireland, the 2006 Directive as amended by Commission Directive [2015/565/EU](#).]

“the fourth Directive” means Commission Directive [2015/566](#) of 8 April 2015 implementing Directive [2004/23/EC](#) as regards the procedures for verifying the equivalent standards of quality and safety of imported tissues and cells.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, Section 1A. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1A inserted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs. 1, **5**
- F2** Words in s. 1A inserted (15.12.2014) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2884\)](#), regs. 1, **2**
- F3** Word in s. 1A omitted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(2)(a)**
- F4** Words in s. 1A substituted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), **reg. 2(2)** (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **3**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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