



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Directions and guidance

23 Directions: general.

- (1) The Authority may from time to time give directions for any purpose for which directions may be given under this Act or directions varying or revoking such directions.
- (2) A person to whom any requirement contained in directions is applicable shall comply with the requirement.
- (3) Anything done by a person in pursuance of directions is to be treated for the purposes of this Act as done in pursuance of a licence.
- (4) Where directions are to be given to a particular person, they shall be given by serving notice of the directions on the person.
- (5) In any other case, directions may be given—
 - [^{F1}(a) in respect of any licence (including a licence which has ceased to have effect), by serving notice of the directions on the person—
 - (i) who is the person responsible or the holder of the licence, if different, or
 - (ii) who was the person responsible or the holder of the licence, if different,]
 - (b) if the directions appear to the Authority to be general directions or it appears to the Authority that it is not practicable to give notice in pursuance of paragraph (a) above, by publishing the directions in such way as, in the opinion of the Authority, is likely to bring the directions to the attention of the persons to whom they are applicable.

^{F2}(6)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, Section 23. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 23(5)(a) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 7 para. 9\(a\)](#), [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2009/2232, [art. 2\(y\)](#)
- F2** S. 23(6) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 7 para. 9\(b\)](#), [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2009/2232, [art. 2\(y\)](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 23 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

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