



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Principal terms used

[^{F1}2B Meaning of “importing licensee”, “third country premises” etc

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) “Importing licensee” means a person—
 - (a) to whom a licence applies, and
 - (b) who is authorised by directions under section 24(4) to import qualifying gametes or embryos ^{F2}... from a third country.
- (3) “Qualifying gametes or embryos” means gametes or embryos intended for human application.
- [^{F3}(4) “Third country” means—**
 - (a) in relation to the import of qualifying gametes or embryos into, or the export of qualifying gametes or embryos from, Great Britain, a country other than the United Kingdom,
 - (b) in relation to the import of qualifying gametes or embryos into Northern Ireland, a country other than Northern Ireland or an EEA state, and
 - (c) in relation to the export of qualifying gametes or embryos from Northern Ireland, a country other than the United Kingdom or an EEA state.
- (5) Premises are “third country premises” if—
 - (a) in relation to Great Britain—
 - (i) they are in a country other than the United Kingdom, and
 - (ii) they are premises in or from which a third country supplier, or a person providing services to a third country supplier, procures, tests, processes, stores, distributes or exports qualifying gametes or embryos intended for import into Great Britain, and
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland—

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- (i) they are in a country other than Northern Ireland or an EEA state, and
 - (ii) they are premises in or from which a third country supplier, or a person providing services to a third country supplier, procures, tests, processes, stores, distributes or exports qualifying gametes or embryos intended for import into Northern Ireland.
- (6) “Third country supplier” means—
- (a) in relation to qualifying gametes or embryos intended for import into Great Britain, a person in a country other than the United Kingdom who has an agreement with an importing licensee for exporting such gametes or embryos into Great Britain, and
 - (b) in relation to qualifying gametes or embryos intended for import into Northern Ireland, a person in a country other than Northern Ireland or an EEA state who has an agreement with an importing licensee for exporting such gametes or embryos into Northern Ireland.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2B inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(4)**
- F2** Words in s. 2B(2)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), **reg. 2(5)** (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **6**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)
- F3** S. 2B(4)-(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), **reg. 2(5)** (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **6**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)

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