



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Activities governed by the Act

3 Prohibitions in connection with embryos.

- (1) No person shall—
 - (a) bring about the creation of an embryo, or
 - (b) keep or use an embryo,except in pursuance of a licence.
- (2) No person shall place in a woman—
 - (a) a live embryo other than a human embryo, or
 - (b) any live gametes other than human gametes.
- (3) A licence cannot authorise—
 - (a) keeping or using an embryo after the appearance of the primitive streak,
 - (b) placing an embryo in any animal,
 - (c) keeping or using an embryo in any circumstances in which regulations prohibit its keeping or use, or
 - (d) replacing a nucleus of a cell of an embryo with a nucleus taken from a cell of any person, embryo or subsequent development of an embryo.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(a) above, the primitive streak is to be taken to have appeared in an embryo not later than the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day when the gametes are mixed, not counting any time during which the embryo is stored.

Commencement Information

II S. 3 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400, art. 2\(2\)](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/08/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, Section 3.