



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Information

[^{F1}31ZE] Provision of information about donor-conceived genetic siblings

- (1) For the purposes of this section two relevant individuals are donor-conceived genetic siblings of each other if a person (“the donor”) who is not the parent of either of them would or might, but for the relevant statutory provisions, be the parent of both of them.
- (2) Where—
 - (a) the information on the register shows that a relevant individual (“A”) is the donor-conceived genetic sibling of another relevant individual (“B”),
 - (b) A has provided information to the Authority (“the agreed information”) which consists of or includes information which enables A to be identified with the request that it should be disclosed to—
 - (i) any donor-conceived genetic sibling of A, or
 - (ii) such siblings of A of a specified description which includes B, and
 - (c) the conditions in subsection (3) are satisfied,then, subject to subsection (4), the Authority shall disclose the agreed information to B.
- (3) The conditions referred to in subsection (2)(c) are—
 - (a) that each of A and B has attained the age of 18,
 - (b) that B has requested the disclosure to B of information about any donor-conceived genetic sibling of B, and
 - (c) that each of A and B has been given a suitable opportunity to receive proper counselling about the implications of disclosure under subsection (2).
- (4) The Authority need not disclose any information under subsection (2) if it considers that the disclosure of information will lead to A or B identifying the donor unless—
 - (a) the donor has consented to the donor's identity being disclosed to A or B, or

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- (b) were A or B to make a request under section 31ZA(2)(a), the Authority would be required by regulations under that provision to give A or B information which would identify the donor.

(5) In this section—

“relevant individual” has the same meaning as in section 31;

“the relevant statutory provisions” has the same meaning as in section 31ZA.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 31-31ZG substituted for s. 31 (6.4.2009 for specified purposes, 1.10.2009 for remaining purposes) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 24](#), 68(2); [S.I. 2009/479](#), [art. 5\(d\)\(h\)](#) (with [art. 7 Sch.](#)); [S.I. 2009/2232](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#); for savings see [S.I. 2009/1892](#), art. 1(1)(b), Sch. 4 para. 13

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 31ZE applied (with modifications) (29.10.2015) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Mitochondrial Donation\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/572\)](#), regs. 1, [15](#)

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