



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Enforcement

39 Powers of members and employees of Authority

- (1) Any member or employee of the Authority entering and inspecting premises to which a licence relates may—
 - (a) take possession of anything which he has reasonable grounds to believe may be required—
 - (i) for the purpose of the functions of the Authority relating to the grant, variation, suspension and revocation of licences, or
 - (ii) for the purpose of being used in evidence in any proceedings for an offence under this Act,and retain it for so long as it may be required for the purpose in question, and
 - (b) for the purpose in question, take such steps as appear to be necessary for preserving any such thing or preventing interference with it, including requiring any person having the power to do so to give such assistance as may reasonably be required.
- (2) In subsection (1) above—
 - (a) the references to things include information recorded in any form, and
 - (b) the reference to taking possession of anything includes, in the case of information recorded otherwise than in legible form, requiring any person having the power to do so to produce a copy of the information in legible form and taking possession of the copy.
- (3) Nothing in this Act makes it unlawful for a member or employee of the Authority to keep any embryo or gametes in pursuance of that person's functions as such.