

*These notes refer to the Human Tissue Act 2004 (c.30)  
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2004*

# **HUMAN TISSUE ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3 - Miscellaneous and General**

##### **General**

##### ***Section 47: Power to give effect to Community obligations***

61. This section contains a power to amend the Act at a later date by regulations subject to the affirmative procedure in order to implement Community obligations in relation to human material. This section has in view Directive [2004/23/EC](#) of 31 March 2004 on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells, which is due to be implemented by 7 April 2006. The power in this section will allow any necessary amendments to be made to the Act by regulations.