



Human Tissue Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 30

PART 2

REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HUMAN TISSUE

Exceptions

40 Religious relics

- (1) This section applies—
 - (a) to the use of—
 - (i) the body of a deceased person, or
 - (ii) relevant material which has come from a human body,for the purpose of public display at a place of public religious worship or at a place associated with such a place, and
 - (b) to the storage of—
 - (i) the body of a deceased person, or
 - (ii) relevant material which has come from a human body,for use for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (2) An activity to which this section applies is excluded from sections 14(1) and 16(2) if there is a connection between—
 - (a) the body or material to which the activity relates, and
 - (b) the religious worship which takes place at the place of public religious worship concerned.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a place is associated with a place of public religious worship if it is used for purposes associated with the religious worship which takes place there.

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 40 in force at 1.4.2005 for specified purposes by S.I. 2005/919, art. 3, **Sch.** (with art. 2)
- I2** S. 40 in force at 20.10.2005 for specified purposes by S.I. 2005/2792, **art. 2(2)(j)**
- I3** S. 40 in force at 31.7.2006 for specified purposes by S.I. 2006/1997, art. 2, **Sch.** (with art. 4)
- I4** S. 40 in force at 1.9.2006 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2006/1997, **art. 3(2)** (with arts. 4, 7, 8)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 29(7) inserted by [2013 anaw 5 s. 15\(4\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 43(5A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 50](#)