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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 566**

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology  
(Statutory Storage Period for Embryos and  
Gametes) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Extension of the statutory storage period for embryos and gametes

**Extension of the statutory storage period for embryos**

**3.**—(1) Subject to regulations 3 and 3A of the 2009 Regulations, in the circumstances specified in paragraph (2), section 14(4) of the Act (conditions of storage licences) shall have effect as if for ten years there were substituted twelve years.

(2) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (1) are that—

- (a) the embryo in question is, on 1st July 2020, being stored on premises to which a licence under paragraph 1 (licences for treatment), 2 (licences for storage) or 3 (licences for research) of Schedule 2 (activities for which licences may be granted) to the Act relates; and
- (b) the relevant persons have consented in writing, whether before, on or after 1st July 2020, to the embryo being stored for at least twelve years.

**Extension of the statutory storage period for gametes**

**4.**—(1) Subject to regulations 4 and 4A of the 2009 Regulations, in the circumstances specified in paragraph (2), section 14(3) of the Act (conditions of storage licences) shall have effect as if for ten years there were substituted twelve years.

(2) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (1) are that—

- (a) the gamete in question is, on 1st July 2020, being stored on premises to which a licence under paragraph 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 2 to the Act relates; and
- (b) the person who provided the gamete has consented in writing, whether before, on or after 1st July 2020, to the gamete being stored for at least twelve years.