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CHAPTER II

OBLIGATIONS ON MEMBER STATES' AUTHORITIES

Article 6

Accreditation, designation, authorisation or licensing of tissue establishments and tissue and cell preparation processes

1 Member States shall ensure that all tissue establishments where activities of testing, processing, preservation, storage or distribution of human tissues and cells intended for human applications are undertaken have been accredited, designated, authorised or licensed by a competent authority for the purpose of those activities.

2 The competent authority or authorities, having verified that the tissue establishment complies with the requirements referred to in Article 28(a), shall accredit, designate, authorise or license the tissue establishment and indicate which activities it may undertake and which conditions apply. It or they shall authorise the tissue and cell preparation processes which the tissue establishment may carry out in accordance with the requirements referred to in Article 28(g). Agreements between tissue establishments and third parties, as referred to in Article 24, shall be examined within the framework of this procedure.

3 The tissue establishment shall not undertake any substantial changes to its activities without the prior written approval of the competent authority or authorities.

4 The competent authority or authorities may suspend or revoke the accreditation, designation, authorisation or licensing of a tissue establishment or of a tissue or cell preparation process if inspections or control measures demonstrate that such an establishment or process does not comply with the requirements of this Directive.

5 Some specified tissues and cells, which will be determined in accordance with the requirements referred to in Article 28(i), may, with the agreement of the competent authority or authorities, be distributed directly for immediate transplantation to the recipient as long as the supplier is provided with an accreditation, designation, authorisation or licence for this activity.