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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 5.

THE AUTHORITY: SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Status and capacity

- 1 The Authority shall not be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown, or as enjoying any status, privilege or immunity of the Crown; and its property shall not be regarded as property of, or property held on behalf of, the Crown.
- 2 The Authority shall have power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate the discharge of its functions, or is incidental or conducive to their discharge, except the power to borrow money.

Expenses

- 3 The Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, pay the Authority out of money provided by Parliament such sums as he thinks fit towards its expenses.

Appointment of members

- 4 (1) All the members of the Authority (including the chairman and deputy chairman who shall be appointed as such) shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.
(2) In making appointments the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of ensuring that the proceedings of the Authority, and the discharge of its functions, are informed by the views of both men and women.
(3) The following persons are disqualified for being appointed as chairman or deputy chairman of the Authority—
 - (a) any person who is, or has been, a medical practitioner registered under the ^{M1}Medical Act 1983 (whether fully, provisionally or with limited registration), or under any repealed enactment from which a provision of that Act is derived,
 - (b) any person who is, or has been, concerned with keeping or using gametes or embryos outside the body, and
 - (c) any person who is, or has been, directly concerned with commissioning or funding any research involving such keeping or use, or who has actively participated in any decision to do so.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall secure that at least one-third but fewer than half of the other members of the Authority fall within sub-paragraph (3)(a), (b) or (c) above, and that at least one member falls within each of paragraphs (a) and (b).

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Marginal Citations

M1 1983 c. 54.

- [^{F1}4A (1) A person (“P”) is disqualified for being appointed as chairman, deputy chairman, or as any other member of the Authority if—
- (a) P is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order [^{F2}or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, or a debt relief restrictions order or interim debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB of the Insolvency Act 1986],
 - (b) a bankruptcy order has been made against P by a court in Northern Ireland, P's estate has been sequestered by a court in Scotland, or under the law of Northern Ireland or Scotland, P has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, P's creditors, or
 - (c) in the last five years P has been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of an offence and has had a qualifying sentence passed on P.
- (2) Where P is disqualified under sub-paragraph (1)(b) because a bankruptcy order has been made against P or P's estate has been sequestered, the disqualification ceases—
- (a) on P obtaining a discharge, or
 - (b) if the bankruptcy order is annulled or the sequestration of P's estate is recalled or reduced, on the date of that event.
- (3) Where P is disqualified under sub-paragraph (1)(b) because of P having made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, P's creditors, the disqualification ceases—
- (a) at the end of the period of five years beginning with the date on which the terms of the deed of composition or arrangement or trust deed are fulfilled, or
 - (b) if, before then, P pays P's debts in full, on the date on which the payment is completed.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(c), the date of conviction is to be taken to be the ordinary date on which the period allowed for making an appeal or application expires or, if an appeal or application is made, the date on which the appeal or application is finally disposed of or abandoned or fails by reason of its non-prosecution.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (1)(c), the reference to a qualifying sentence is to a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 1 para. 4A inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\), s. 68\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 2](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(u)
- F2** Words in Sch. 1 para. 4A(1)(a) substituted (1.10.2012) by [The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2404\), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 26](#) (with arts. 5, 6)

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Tenure of office

- 5 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph [^{F3} and paragraphs 5A and 5B], a person shall hold and vacate office as a member of the Authority in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (2) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Authority for more than three years at a time.
- (3) A member may at any time resign his office by giving notice to the Secretary of State.
- (4) A person who ceases to be a member of the Authority shall be eligible for re-appointment (whether or not in the same capacity).
- [^{F4}(4A) A person holding office as chairman, deputy chairman or other member of the Authority is to cease to hold that office if the person becomes disqualified for appointment to it.]
- (5) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that a member of the Authority—
- (a) has been absent from meetings of the Authority for six consecutive months or longer without the permission of the Authority, or
 - [^{F5}(b)
 - (c) is unable or unfit to discharge the [^{F6}person's functions as chairman, deputy chairman or other member],
- the Secretary of State may [^{F7}remove the member from office as chairman, deputy chairman or other member].

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in Sch. 1 para. 5(1) inserted (19.1.2010) by [Health Act 2009 \(c. 21\), s. 40\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 3\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 para. 19](#)); [S.I. 2010/30, art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F4** Sch. 1 para. 5(4A) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\), s. 68\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 3\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2\(u\)](#)
- F5** Sch. 1 para. 5(5)(b) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\), s. 68\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)\(i\), Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2\(u\)](#)
- F6** Words in Sch. 1 para. 5(5)(c) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\), s. 68\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)\(ii\)](#); [S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2\(u\)](#)
- F7** Words in Sch. 1 para. 5(5) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\), s. 68\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)\(iii\)](#); [S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2\(u\)](#)

- [^{F8}5A The Secretary of State may suspend a member from office as chairman, deputy chairman or other member of the Authority if it appears to him that one of the conditions in paragraph 5(5) is or may be satisfied in relation to the member.

Textual Amendments

- F8** Sch. 1 paras. 5A, 5B inserted (19.1.2010) by [Health Act 2009 \(c. 21\), s. 40\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 3\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 para. 19](#)); [S.I. 2010/30, art. 2\(d\)](#)

- 5B (1) This paragraph applies where the Secretary of State decides to suspend a member under paragraph 5A.

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- (2) The Secretary of State must give notice to the member of the decision and the suspension takes effect on receipt by the member of the notice.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2) is treated as being received by the member—
 - (a) in a case where it is delivered in person or left at the member's proper address, at the time at which it is delivered or left;
 - (b) in a case where it is sent by post to the member at that address, on the third day after the day on which it was posted.
- (4) The initial period of suspension must not exceed 6 months.
- (5) The Secretary of State may review the member's suspension at any time.
- (6) The Secretary of State must review the member's suspension if requested in writing by the member to do so, but need not carry out a review less than 3 months after the beginning of the initial period of suspension.
- (7) Following a review the Secretary of State may—
 - (a) revoke the suspension, or
 - (b) suspend the member for another period of not more than 6 months from the expiry of the current period.
- (8) The Secretary of State must revoke the suspension if at any time—
 - (a) he decides that neither of the conditions mentioned in paragraph 5(5) is satisfied, or
 - (b) he decides that either of those conditions is satisfied but does not remove the member from office as chairman, deputy chairman or other member of the Authority.]

Textual Amendments

F8 Sch. 1 paras. 5A, 5B inserted (19.1.2010) by [Health Act 2009 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 40(1), [Sch. 3 para. 3\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 3 para. 19](#)); [S.I. 2010/30](#), art. 2(d)

Disqualification of members of Authority for House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly

- 6 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the ^{M2}House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 and in Part II of Schedule 1 to the ^{M3}Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (bodies of which all members are disqualified) the following entry shall be inserted at the appropriate place in alphabetical order—

“The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority”.

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M2 1975 c. 24.

M3 1975 c. 25.

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Remuneration and pensions of members

- 7 (1) The Authority may—
- (a) pay to the chairman such remuneration, and
 - (b) pay or make provision for paying to or in respect of the chairman or any other member such pensions, allowances, fees, expenses or gratuities,
- as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine.
- (2) Where a person ceases to be a member of the Authority otherwise than on the expiry of his term of office and it appears to the Secretary of State that there are special circumstances which make it right for him to receive compensation, the Authority may make to him a payment of such amount as the Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, determine.

Staff

- 8 (1) The Authority may appoint such employees as it thinks fit, upon such terms and conditions as the Authority, with the approval of the Secretary of State and the consent of the Treasury, may determine.
- (2) The Authority shall secure that any employee whose function is, or whose functions include, the inspection of premises is of such character, and is so qualified by training and experience, as to be a suitable person to perform that function.
- (3) The Authority shall, as regards such of its employees as with the approval of the Secretary of State it may determine, pay to or in respect of them such pensions, allowances or gratuities (including pensions, allowances or gratuities by way of compensation for loss of employment), or provide and maintain for them such pension schemes (whether contributory or not), as may be so determined.
- (4) If an employee of the Authority—
- (a) is a participant in any pension scheme applicable to that employment, and
 - (b) becomes a member of the Authority,
- he may, if the Secretary of State so determines, be treated for the purposes of the pension scheme as if his service as a member of the Authority were service as employee of the Authority, whether or not any benefits are to be payable to or in respect of him by virtue of paragraph 7 above.

Proceedings

- 9 (1) [F9Subject to any provision of this Act, the] Authority may regulate its own proceedings, and make such arrangements as it thinks appropriate for the discharge of its functions.
- (2) The Authority may pay to the members of any committee or sub-committee such fees and allowances as the Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, determine.

Textual Amendments

- F9** Words in Sch. 1 para. 9(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008](#) (c. 22), s. 68(2), [Sch. 7 para. 15\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(y)

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- 10 (1) A member of the Authority who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a licence granted or proposed to be granted by the Authority shall, as soon as possible after the relevant circumstances have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest to the Authority.
- (2) Any disclosure under sub-paragraph (1) above shall be recorded by the Authority.
- (3) Except in such circumstances (if any) as may be determined by the Authority under paragraph 9(1) above, the member shall not participate after the disclosure in any deliberation or decision of the Authority^{F10}... with respect to the licence, and if he does so the deliberation or decision shall be of no effect.

Textual Amendments

F10 Words in Sch. 1 para. 10(3) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008](#) (c. 22), s. 68(2), [Sch. 7 para. 15\(b\)](#), [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(y)

- 11 The validity of any proceedings of the Authority, or of any committee or sub-committee, shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members or by any defect in the appointment of a member.

Instruments

- 12 The fixing of the seal of the Authority shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman or deputy chairman of the Authority or some other member of the Authority authorised by the Authority to act for that purpose.
- 13 A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the Authority, or to be signed on the Authority's behalf, shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed or signed unless the contrary is proved.

Investigation by Parliamentary Commissioner

- 14 The Authority shall be subject to investigation by the Parliamentary Commissioner and accordingly, in Schedule 2 to the ^{M4}Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (which lists the authorities subject to investigation under that Act), the following entry shall be inserted at the appropriate place in alphabetical order—

“Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority”.

Marginal Citations

M4 1967 c. 13.

^{F11}Application of Statutory Instruments Act 1946

Textual Amendments

F11 Sch. 1 para. 15 and cross-heading inserted (6.4.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008](#) (c. 22), s. 68(2), [Sch. 7 para. 15\(c\)](#); S.I. 2009/479, art. 5(g)(h) (with art. 7Sch.)

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- 15 The Statutory Instruments Act 1946 applies to any power to make orders or regulations conferred by an Act on the Authority as if the Authority were a Minister of the Crown.]

SCHEDULE 2

Section 11 etc.

ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH LICENCES MAY BE GRANTED

Commencement Information

- II** Schedule 2 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and S.I. 1991/1400, art. 2(2)

Licences for treatment

- 1 (1) A licence under this paragraph may authorise any of the following in the course of providing treatment services—
- (a) bringing about the creation of embryos *in vitro*,
 - [^{F12}(b) procuring, keeping, testing, processing or distributing embryos,
 - (c) procuring, testing, processing, distributing or using gametes]
 - [^{F13}(ca) using embryos for the purpose of training persons in embryo biopsy, embryo storage or other embryological techniques,]
 - (d) [^{F14}other] practices designed to secure that embryos are in a suitable condition to be placed in a woman ^{F15}... ,
 - (e) placing any [^{F16}permitted embryo] in a woman,
 - (f) mixing sperm with the egg of a hamster, or other animal specified in directions, for the purpose of testing the fertility or normality of the sperm, but only where anything which forms is destroyed when the test is complete and, in any event, not later than the two cell stage, and
 - (g) such other practices[^{F17}, apart from practices falling within section 4A(2),] as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, regulations.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a licence under this paragraph may be granted subject to such conditions as may be specified in the licence and may authorise the performance of any of the activities referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above in such manner as may be so specified.
- (3) A licence under this paragraph cannot authorise any activity unless it appears to the Authority to be necessary or desirable for the purpose of providing treatment services.
- [^{F18}(4) A licence under this paragraph cannot authorise altering the nuclear or mitochondrial DNA of a cell while it forms part of an embryo, except for the purpose of creating something that will by virtue of regulations under section 3ZA(5) be a permitted embryo.]
- [^{F19}(4A) A licence under this paragraph cannot authorise the use of embryos for the purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(ca) unless the Authority is satisfied that the proposed use of embryos is necessary for that purpose.]

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(5) A licence under this paragraph shall be granted for such period not exceeding five years as may be specified in the licence.

[^{F20}(6) In this paragraph, references to a permitted embryo are to be read in accordance with section 3ZA.]

Textual Amendments

- F12** Sch. 2 para. 1(1)(b)(c) substituted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs 1, [29\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- F13** Sch. 2 para. 1(1)(ca) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F14** Word in Sch. 2 para. 1(1)(d) inserted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs 1, [29\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- F15** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(1)(d) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F16** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(1)(e) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F17** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(1)(g) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F18** Sch. 2 para. 1(4) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F19** Sch. 2 para. 1(4A) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(4\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F20** Sch. 2 para. 1(6) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(5\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)

Commencement Information

- I2** Schedule 2 para. 1 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and S.I. 1991/1400, [art. 2\(2\)](#)

[^{F21}Embryo testing

Textual Amendments

- F21** Sch. 2 paras. 1ZA-1ZC and cross-headings inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 3](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)

1ZA (1) A licence under paragraph 1 cannot authorise the testing of an embryo, except for one or more of the following purposes—

- (a) establishing whether the embryo has a gene, chromosome or mitochondrion abnormality that may affect its capacity to result in a live birth,
- (b) in a case where there is a particular risk that the embryo may have any gene, chromosome or mitochondrion abnormality, establishing whether it has that abnormality or any other gene, chromosome or mitochondrion abnormality,
- (c) in a case where there is a particular risk that any resulting child will have or develop—
 - (i) a gender-related serious physical or mental disability,
 - (ii) a gender-related serious illness, or
 - (iii) any other gender-related serious medical condition,

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- establishing the sex of the embryo,
- (d) in a case where a person (“the sibling”) who is the child of the persons whose gametes are used to bring about the creation of the embryo (or of either of those persons) suffers from a serious medical condition which could be treated by umbilical cord blood stem cells, bone marrow or other tissue of any resulting child, establishing whether the tissue of any resulting child would be compatible with that of the sibling, and
 - (e) in a case where uncertainty has arisen as to whether the embryo is one of those whose creation was brought about by using the gametes of particular persons, establishing whether it is.
- (2) A licence under paragraph 1 cannot authorise the testing of embryos for the purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) unless the Authority is satisfied—
- (a) in relation to the abnormality of which there is a particular risk, and
 - (b) in relation to any other abnormality for which testing is to be authorised under sub-paragraph (1)(b),
- that there is a significant risk that a person with the abnormality will have or develop a serious physical or mental disability, a serious illness or any other serious medical condition.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(c), a physical or mental disability, illness or other medical condition is gender-related if the Authority is satisfied that—
- (a) it affects only one sex, or
 - (b) it affects one sex significantly more than the other.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (1)(d) the reference to “other tissue” of the resulting child does not include a reference to any whole organ of the child.

Sex selection

- 1ZB (1) A licence under paragraph 1 cannot authorise any practice designed to secure that any resulting child will be of one sex rather than the other.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not prevent the authorisation of any testing of embryos that is capable of being authorised under paragraph 1ZA.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (1) does not prevent the authorisation of any other practices designed to secure that any resulting child will be of one sex rather than the other in a case where there is a particular risk that a woman will give birth to a child who will have or develop—
- (a) a gender-related serious physical or mental disability,
 - (b) a gender-related serious illness, or
 - (c) any other gender-related serious medical condition.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3), a physical or mental disability, illness or other medical condition is gender-related if the Authority is satisfied that—
- (a) it affects only one sex, or
 - (b) it affects one sex significantly more than the other.

Power to amend paragraphs 1ZA and 1ZB

- 1ZC (1) Regulations may make any amendment of paragraph 1ZA (embryo testing).

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- (2) Regulations under this paragraph which amend paragraph 1ZA may make any amendment of sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) of paragraph 1ZB (sex selection) which appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in consequence of the amendment of paragraph 1ZA.
- (3) Regulations under this paragraph may not enable the authorisation of—
 - (a) the testing of embryos for the purpose of establishing their sex, or
 - (b) other practices falling within paragraph 1ZB(1),
 except on grounds relating to the health of any resulting child.
- (4) For the purposes of this paragraph, “amend” includes add to and repeal, and references to “amendment” are to be read accordingly.]

[^{F22}Licences for non-medical fertility services

Textual Amendments

F22 Sch. 2 para. 1A and cross-heading inserted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs. 1, 29(b)

- 1A (1) A licence under this paragraph may authorise any of the following in the course of providing non-medical fertility services—
- (a) procuring sperm, and
 - (b) distributing sperm.

[A licence under this paragraph cannot authorise the procurement or distribution of ^{F23}(1A) sperm to which there has been applied any process designed to secure that any resulting child will be of one sex rather than the other.]

- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a licence under this paragraph may be granted subject to such conditions as may be specified in the licence and may authorise the performance of any of the activities referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above in such manner as may be so specified.
- (3) A licence under this paragraph shall be granted for such period not exceeding five years as may be specified in the licence.]

Textual Amendments

F23 Sch. 2 para. 1A(1A) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 4](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)

Licences for storage

- 2 (1) A licence under this paragraph or paragraph 1 or 3 of this Schedule may authorise the storage of gametes or embryos or both.

[^{F24}(1A) A licence under this paragraph or paragraph 3 may authorise the storage of human admixed embryos (whether or not the licence also authorises the storage of gametes or embryos or both).]

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- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a licence authorising such storage [^{F25}as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) or (1A)] may be granted subject to such conditions as may be specified in the licence and may authorise storage in such manner as may be so specified.
- (3) A licence under this paragraph shall be granted for such period not exceeding five years as may be specified in the licence.

Textual Amendments

- F24** Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)
- F25** Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(2) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(b\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)

Commencement Information

- I3** Schedule 2 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#) art. 2(2)

^{F26}Licences for research

Textual Amendments

- F26** Sch. 2 paras. 3, 3A and cross-headings substituted for Sch. 2 para. 3 (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 2 para. 6](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(v)

- 3 (1) A licence under this paragraph may authorise any of the following—
 - (a) bringing about the creation of embryos *in vitro*, and
 - (b) keeping or using embryos,for the purposes of a project of research specified in the licence.
- (2) A licence under this paragraph may authorise mixing sperm with the egg of a hamster, or other animal specified in directions, for the purpose of developing more effective techniques for determining the fertility or normality of sperm, but only where anything which forms is destroyed when the research is complete and, in any event, no later than the two cell stage.
- (3) A licence under this paragraph may authorise any of the following—
 - (a) bringing about the creation of human admixed embryos *in vitro*, and
 - (b) keeping or using human admixed embryos,for the purposes of a project of research specified in the licence.
- (4) A licence under sub-paragraph (3) may not authorise the activity which may be authorised by a licence under sub-paragraph (2).
- (5) No licence under this paragraph is to be granted unless the Authority is satisfied that any proposed use of embryos or human admixed embryos is necessary for the purposes of the research.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a licence under this paragraph may be granted subject to such conditions as may be specified in the licence.

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- (7) A licence under this paragraph may authorise the performance of any of the activities referred to in sub-paragraph (1), (2) or (3) in such manner as may be so specified.
- (8) A licence under this paragraph may be granted for such period not exceeding three years as may be specified in the licence.
- (9) This paragraph has effect subject to paragraph 3A.

Purposes for which activities may be licensed under paragraph 3

- 3A (1) A licence under paragraph 3 cannot authorise any activity unless the activity appears to the Authority—
- (a) to be necessary or desirable for any of the purposes specified in sub-paragraph (2) (“the principal purposes”),
 - (b) to be necessary or desirable for the purpose of providing knowledge that, in the view of the Authority, may be capable of being applied for the purposes specified in sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b), or
 - (c) to be necessary or desirable for such other purposes as may be specified in regulations.
- (2) The principal purposes are—
- (a) increasing knowledge about serious disease or other serious medical conditions,
 - (b) developing treatments for serious disease or other serious medical conditions,
 - (c) increasing knowledge about the causes of any congenital disease or congenital medical condition that does not fall within paragraph (a),
 - (d) promoting advances in the treatment of infertility,
 - (e) increasing knowledge about the causes of miscarriage,
 - (f) developing more effective techniques of contraception,
 - (g) developing methods for detecting the presence of gene, chromosome or mitochondrion abnormalities in embryos before implantation, or
 - (h) increasing knowledge about the development of embryos.]

General

- 4 [F27(1) A licence under this Schedule can only authorise activities to be carried on—
- (a) on premises specified in the licence or, in the case of activities to which section 3(1A)(b) or (1B) or 4(1A) applies, on relevant third party premises, and
 - (b) under the supervision of an individual designated in the licence.
- (1A) A licence which authorises activities falling within paragraph 1 or 1A above may not also authorise activities falling within paragraph 3 above.]
- F27(2) A licence cannot—
- (a) F28
 - (b) apply to more than one project of research,
 - (c) authorise activities to be carried on under the supervision of more than one individual, or
 - [F29(d) apply to premises of the person who holds the licence in different places.]F29

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Textual Amendments

- F27** Sch. 2 para. 4(1)(1A) substituted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) for Sch. 2 para. 4(1) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs 1, **29(c)**
- F28** Sch. 2 para. 4(2)(a) omitted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by virtue of [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs 1, **29(d)**
- F29** Sch. 2 para. 4(2)(d) substituted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs 1, **29(e)**

Commencement Information

- I4** Schedule 2 para 4 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), **art. 2(2)**

SCHEDULE 3

Section 12 etc.

CONSENTS TO USE ^{F30}OR STORAGE OF GAMETES, EMBRYOS OR HUMAN ADMIXED EMBRYOS ETC]

Textual Amendments

- F30** Words in Sch. 3 heading substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 2**; [S.I. 2009/2232](#), art. 2(w)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [Sch. 3](#) modified (10.5.2024) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Storage of Gametes and Embryos\) \(Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/625\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2, 3**

Commencement Information

- I5** Schedule 3 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), **art. 2(2)**

Consent

- ^{F31} (1) A consent under this Schedule, [^{F32}any renewal of consent,] and any notice under paragraph 4 varying or withdrawing a consent under this Schedule, must be in writing and, subject to sub-paragraph (2), must be signed by the person giving it.
- (2) A consent under this Schedule by a person who is unable to sign because of illness, injury or physical disability (a “person unable to sign”), [^{F33}any renewal of consent by a person unable to sign,] and any notice under paragraph 4 by a person unable to sign varying or withdrawing a consent under this Schedule, is to be taken to comply with the requirement of sub-paragraph (1) as to signature if it is signed at the direction of the person unable to sign, in the presence of the person unable to sign and in the presence of at least one witness who attests the signature.
- (3) In this Schedule—
- ^{F34}(a) “effective consent” means a consent under this Schedule which has not been withdrawn;

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- [^{F35}(b) references to renewal of consent are to renewal of consent to the storage of any gametes or embryo under paragraph 11A or 11C.]]

Textual Amendments

- F31** Sch. 3 para. 1 substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 3](#); [S.I. 2009/2232](#), art. 2(w)
- F32** Words in [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), [Sch. 17 para. 7\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#))
- F33** Words in [Sch. 3 para. 1\(2\)](#) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), [Sch. 17 para. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#))
- F34** Words in [Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)](#) renumbered as [Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)\(a\)](#) (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), [Sch. 17 para. 7\(2\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#))
- F35** [Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), [Sch. 17 para. 7\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#))

- 2 (1) A consent to the use of any embryo must specify one or more of the following purposes—
- (a) use in providing treatment services to the person giving consent, or that person and another specified person together,
 - (b) use in providing treatment services to persons not including the person giving consent,
 - [^{F36}(ba) use for the purpose of training persons in embryo biopsy, embryo storage or other embryological techniques, or]
 - (c) use for the purposes of any project of research,
- and may specify conditions subject to which the embryo may be so used.
- [^{F37}(1A) A consent to the use of any human admixed embryo must specify use for the purposes of any project of research and may specify conditions subject to which the human admixed embryo may be so used.]
- [^{F38}(2) A consent to the storage of any gametes, any embryo or any human admixed embryo must—
- (a) specify the maximum period of storage (if less than the [^{F39}period for which, by virtue of section 14(3), the gametes, embryo or human admixed embryo may be stored under the licence]),
 - (b) except in a case falling within paragraph (c), state what is to be done with the gametes, embryo or human admixed embryo if the person who gave the consent dies or is unable, because the person lacks capacity to do so, to vary the terms of the consent or to withdraw it, and
 - (c) where the consent is given by virtue of paragraph 8(2A) or 13(2), state what is to be done with the embryo or human admixed embryo if the person to whom the consent relates dies,
- and may (in any case) specify conditions subject to which the gametes, embryo or human admixed embryo may remain in storage.
- (2A) A consent to the use of a person's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo is to be taken unless otherwise stated to include consent to the use of the cells after the person's death.
- (2B) In relation to Scotland, the reference in sub-paragraph (2)(b) to the person lacking capacity is to be read as a reference to the person—

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- (a) lacking capacity within the meaning of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991, or
 - (b) being incapable within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000.]
- (3) A consent under this Schedule must provide for such other matters as the Authority may specify in directions.
- [^{F40}(4) A consent under this Schedule may apply—
- (a) to the use or storage of a particular embryo or human admixed embryo, or
 - (b) in the case of a person providing gametes or human cells, to the use or storage of—
 - (i) any embryo or human admixed embryo whose creation may be brought about using those gametes or those cells, and
 - (ii) any embryo or human admixed embryo whose creation may be brought about using such an embryo or human admixed embryo.
- (5) In the case of a consent falling within sub-paragraph (4)(b), the terms of the consent may be varied, or the consent may be withdrawn, in accordance with this Schedule either generally or in relation to—
- (a) a particular embryo or particular embryos, or
 - (b) a particular human admixed embryo or particular human admixed embryos.]

Textual Amendments

- F36** Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(ba) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F37** Sch. 3 para. 2(1A) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 4\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F38** Sch. 3 para. 2(2)-(2B) substituted for Sch. 3 para. 2(2) (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 4\(4\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F39** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(2)(a) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), [Sch. 17 para. 4](#) (with Sch. 17 Pt. 2)
- F40** Sch. 3 para. 2(4)(5) substituted for Sch. 3 para. 2(4) (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 4\(5\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Commencement Information

- I6** Schedule 3 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

Procedure for giving consent

- 3 (1) Before a person gives [^{F41}or renews] consent under this Schedule—
- (a) he must be given a suitable opportunity to receive proper counselling about the implications of taking the proposed steps, and
 - (b) he must be provided with such relevant information as is proper.
- (2) Before a person gives consent under this Schedule he must be informed of the effect of paragraph 4 [^{F42}and, if relevant, paragraph 4A] below.

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Textual Amendments

- F41** Words in Sch. 3 para. 3(1) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), **Sch. 17 para. 7(3)** (with [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#))
- F42** Words in Sch. 3 para. 3(2) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 5**; S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Commencement Information

- I7** Schedule 3 para. 3 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and S.I. 1991/1400, **art. 2(2)**

Variation and withdrawal of consent

- 4 (1) The terms of any consent under this Schedule may from time to time be varied, and the consent may be withdrawn, by notice given by the person who gave the consent to the person keeping the gametes^[F43], human cells, embryo or human admixed embryo] to which the consent is relevant.
- (2) ^[F44]Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the] terms of any consent to the use of any embryo cannot be varied, and such consent cannot be withdrawn, once the embryo has been used—
- (a) in providing treatment services,
- ^[F45](aa) in training persons in embryo biopsy, embryo storage or other embryological techniques, or]
- (b) for the purposes of any project of research.
- ^[F46](3) Where the terms of any consent to the use of an embryo (“embryo A”) include consent to the use of an embryo or human admixed embryo whose creation may be brought about *in vitro* using embryo A, that consent to the use of that subsequent embryo or human admixed embryo cannot be varied or withdrawn once embryo A has been used for one or more of the purposes mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b).
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), the terms of any consent to the use of any human admixed embryo cannot be varied, and such consent cannot be withdrawn, once the human admixed embryo has been used for the purposes of any project of research.
- (5) Where the terms of any consent to the use of a human admixed embryo (“human admixed embryo A”) include consent to the use of a human admixed embryo or embryo whose creation may be brought about *in vitro* using human admixed embryo A, that consent to the use of that subsequent human admixed embryo or embryo cannot be varied or withdrawn once human admixed embryo A has been used for the purposes of any project of research.]

Textual Amendments

- F43** Words in Sch. 3 para. 4(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(2)**; S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F44** Words in Sch. 3 para. 4(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(3)(a)**; S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F45** Sch. 3 para. 4(2)(aa) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(3)(b)**; S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

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F46 Sch. 3 para. 4(3)-(5) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 6\(4\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Sch. 3 para. 4 applied (with modifications) (29.10.2015) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Mitochondrial Donation\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/572\)](#), regs. 1, **16**

Commencement Information

I8 Schedule 3 para. 4 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and S.I. 1991/1400, [art. 2\(2\)](#)

[^{F47}4A (1) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) a permitted embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, is in storage,
 - (b) it was created for use in providing treatment services,
 - (c) before it is used in providing treatment services, one of the persons whose gametes were used to bring about its creation (“P”) gives the person keeping the embryo notice withdrawing P’s consent to the storage of the embryo, and
 - (d) the embryo was not to be used in providing treatment services to P alone.
- (2) The person keeping the embryo must as soon as possible take all reasonable steps to notify each interested person in relation to the embryo of P’s withdrawal of consent.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), a person is an interested person in relation to an embryo if the embryo was to be used in providing treatment services to that person.
- (4) Storage of the embryo remains lawful until—
- (a) the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which the notice mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) was received from P, or
 - (b) if, before the end of that period, the person keeping the embryo receives a notice from each person notified of P’s withdrawal under sub-paragraph (2) stating that the person consents to the destruction of the embryo, the time at which the last of those notices is received.
- (5) The reference in sub-paragraph (1)(a) to a permitted embryo is to be read in accordance with section 3ZA.]

Textual Amendments

F47 Sch. 3 para. 4A inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 7](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Use of gametes for treatment of others

- 5 (1) A person’s gametes must not be used for the purposes of treatment services [^{F48}or non-medical fertility services] unless there is an effective consent by that person to their being so used and they are used in accordance with the terms of the consent.
- (2) A person’s gametes must not be received for use for those purposes unless there is an effective consent by that person to their being so used.
- (3) This paragraph does not apply to the use of a person’s gametes for the purpose of that person, or that person and another together, receiving treatment services.

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Textual Amendments

F48 Words in Sch. 3 para. 5 inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 8](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Commencement Information

I9 Schedule 3 para. 5 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

In vitro fertilisation and subsequent use of embryo

- 6 (1) A person's gametes [^{F49}or human cells] must not be used to bring about the creation of any embryo *in vitro* unless there is an effective consent by that person to any embryo [^{F50}] the creation of which may be brought about with the use of those gametes [^{F51}or human cells,] being used for one or more of the purposes mentioned in [^{F52}paragraph 2(1)(a), (b) and (c)] above.
- (2) An embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* must not be received by any person unless there is an effective consent by [^{F53}each relevant person in relation to] the embryo to the use for one or more of the purposes mentioned in [^{F54}paragraph 2(1)(a), (b), (ba) and (c)] above of the embryo.
- (3) An embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* must not be used for any purpose unless there is an effective consent by each [^{F55}relevant person in relation to] the embryo to the use for that purpose of the embryo and the embryo is used in accordance with those consents.
- [^{F56}(3A) If the Authority is satisfied that the parental consent conditions in paragraph 15 are met in relation to the proposed use under a licence of the human cells of a person who has not attained the age of 18 years ("C"), the Authority may in the licence authorise the application of sub-paragraph (3B) in relation to C.
- (3B) Where the licence authorises the application of this sub-paragraph, the effective consent of a person having parental responsibility for C—
- (a) to the use of C's human cells to bring about the creation of an embryo *in vitro* for use for the purposes of a project of research, or
 - (b) to the use for those purposes of an embryo in relation to which C is a relevant person by reason only of the use of C's human cells,
- is to be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) as the effective consent of C.
- (3C) If C attains the age of 18 years or the condition in paragraph 15(3) ceases to be met in relation to C, paragraph 4 has effect in relation to C as if any effective consent previously given under sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) by a person having parental responsibility for C had been given by C but, subject to that, sub-paragraph (3B) ceases to apply in relation to C.
- (3D) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) have effect subject to paragraphs 16 and 20.
- (3E) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (3B), each of the following is a relevant person in relation to an embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* ("embryo A")—

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- (a) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of embryo A,
 - (b) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of any other embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, which was used to bring about the creation of embryo A, and
 - (c) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of any human admixed embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, which was used to bring about the creation of embryo A.]
- (4) Any consent required by this paragraph is in addition to any consent that may be required by paragraph 5 above.

Textual Amendments

- F49** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(1) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F50** Comma in Sch. 3 para. 6(1) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F51** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(1) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F52** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(2\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F53** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F54** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F55** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(3) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(4\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F56** Sch. 3 para. 6(3A)-(3E) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(5\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Commencement Information

- I10** Schedule 3 para. 6 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

Embryos obtained by lavage, etc.

- 7 (1) An embryo taken from a woman must not be used for any purpose unless there is an effective consent by her to the use of the embryo for that purpose and it is used in accordance with the consent.
- (2) An embryo taken from a woman must not be received by any person for use for any purpose unless there is an effective consent by her to the use of the embryo for that purpose.
- (3) [^{F57}Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) do] not apply to the use, for the purpose of providing a woman with treatment services, of an embryo taken from her.
- [^{F58}(4) An embryo taken from a woman must not be used to bring about the creation of any embryo *in vitro* or any human admixed embryo *in vitro*.]

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- F57** Words in Sch. 3 para. 7(3) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 10\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F58** Sch. 3 para. 7(4) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

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- I11** Schedule 3 para. 7 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 29\(2\)](#)

Storage of gametes and embryos

- 8 (1) A person's gametes must not be kept in storage unless there is an effective consent by that person to their storage and they are stored in accordance with the consent.
- (2) An embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* must not be kept in storage unless there is an effective consent, by each [^{F59}relevant person in relation to] the embryo, to the storage of the embryo and the embryo is stored in accordance with those consents.
- [^{F60}(2A) Where a licence authorises the application of paragraph 6(3B) in relation to a person who has not attained the age of 18 years ("C"), the effective consent of a person having parental responsibility for C to the storage of an embryo in relation to which C is a relevant person by reason only of the use of C's human cells is to be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) as the effective consent of C.
- (2B) If C attains the age of 18 years or the condition in paragraph 15(3) ceases to be met in relation to C, paragraph 4 has effect in relation to C as if any effective consent previously given under sub-paragraph (2) by a person having parental responsibility for C had been given by C but, subject to that, sub-paragraph (2A) ceases to apply in relation to C.
- (2C) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2) and (2A), each of the following is a relevant person in relation to an embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* ("embryo A")—
- (a) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of embryo A,
 - (b) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of any other embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, which was used to bring about the creation of embryo A, and
 - (c) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of any human admixed embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, which was used to bring about the creation of embryo A.]
- (3) An embryo taken from a woman must not be kept in storage unless there is an effective consent by her to its storage and it is stored in accordance with the consent.
- [^{F61}(4) Sub-paragraph (1) has effect subject to paragraphs 9 and 10; and sub-paragraph (2) has effect subject to paragraphs 4A(4), 16 and 20.]

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Textual Amendments

- F59** Words in Sch. 3 para. 8(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F60** Sch. 3 para. 8(2A)-(2C) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)
- F61** Sch. 3 para. 8(4) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(4\)](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

Commencement Information

- I12** Schedule 3 para. 8 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

[^{F62}Cases where consent not required for storage

Textual Amendments

- F62** Sch. 3 paras. 9-11 and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 12](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

- 9 (1) The gametes of a person (“C”) may be kept in storage without C's consent if the following conditions are met.
- (2) Condition A is that the gametes are lawfully taken from or provided by C before C attains the age of 18 years.
- (3) Condition B is that, before the gametes are first stored, a registered medical practitioner certifies in writing that C is expected to undergo medical treatment and that in the opinion of the registered medical practitioner—
- (a) the treatment is likely to cause a significant impairment of C's fertility, and
- (b) the storage of the gametes is in C's best interests.
- (4) Condition C is that, at the time when the gametes are first stored, either—
- (a) C has not attained the age of 16 years and is not competent to deal with the issue of consent to the storage of the gametes, or
- (b) C has attained that age but, although not lacking capacity to consent to the storage of the gametes, is not competent to deal with the issue of consent to their storage.
- (5) Condition D is that C has not, since becoming competent to deal with the issue of consent to the storage of the gametes—
- (a) given consent under this Schedule to the storage of the gametes, or
- (b) given written notice to the person keeping the gametes that C does not wish them to continue to be stored.
- (6) In relation to Scotland, sub-paragraphs (1) to (5) are to be read with the following modifications—
- (a) for sub-paragraph (4), substitute—
- “(4) Condition C is that, at the time when the gametes are first stored, C does not have capacity (within the meaning of section 2(4) of the

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- Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991) to consent to the storage of the gametes.”, and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (5), for “becoming competent to deal with the issue of consent to the storage of the gametes” substitute “acquiring such capacity”.
- 10 (1) The gametes of a person (“P”) may be kept in storage without P's consent if the following conditions are met.
- (2) Condition A is that the gametes are lawfully taken from or provided by P after P has attained the age of 16 years.
- (3) Condition B is that, before the gametes are first stored, a registered medical practitioner certifies in writing that P is expected to undergo medical treatment and that in the opinion of the registered medical practitioner—
- (a) the treatment is likely to cause a significant impairment of P's fertility,
- (b) P lacks capacity to consent to the storage of the gametes,
- (c) P is likely at some time to have that capacity, and
- (d) the storage of the gametes is in P's best interests.
- (4) Condition C is that, at the time when the gametes are first stored, P lacks capacity to consent to their storage.
- (5) Condition D is that P has not subsequently, at a time when P has capacity to give a consent under this Schedule—
- (a) given consent to the storage of the gametes, or
- (b) given written notice to the person keeping the gametes that P does not wish them to continue to be stored.
- (6) In relation to Scotland—
- (a) references in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) to P lacking capacity to consent are to be read as references to P being incapable, within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000, of giving such consent,
- (b) the references in sub-paragraphs (3) and (5) to P having capacity are to be read as references to P not being so incapable, and
- (c) that Act applies to the storage of gametes under this paragraph to the extent specified in section 84A of that Act.
- 11 A person's gametes must not be kept in storage by virtue of paragraph 9 or 10 after the person's death.]

[^{F63}Renewal of consent to storage of gametes

Textual Amendments

F63 Sch. 3 paras. 11A-11D and cross-headings inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(3), [Sch. 17 para. 7\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#))

- 11A (1) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) the gametes of a person (“P”) are in storage,
- (b) P’s consent to the storage of the gametes is required under paragraph 8(1),
- (c) there is effective consent from P to the storage of the gametes, and

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- (d) the gametes are being kept for use for the purposes of providing treatment services to—
- (i) P, or
 - (ii) P and another person together.
- (2) The person keeping the gametes in storage (“K”) must, in each consent period, request P to renew consent to storage of the gametes within the renewal period.
- For the meaning of “consent period” and “renewal period”, see paragraph 11B.
- (3) A request under sub-paragraph (2) must be given in writing before the start of the renewal period.
- (4) The duty in sub-paragraph (2) ceases to apply if K is notified that P has died.
- (5) The duty in sub-paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to any consent period if—
- (a) K has at any time been informed in writing that P has been certified as lacking capacity to renew consent to storage of the gametes, and
 - (b) K has not subsequently been informed in writing, before the start of the renewal period which relates to that consent period, that P has been certified as having capacity to renew consent to storage of the gametes.
- (6) P renews consent by informing K in writing that P consents to the storage of the gametes.
- (7) If P’s consent is not renewed under sub-paragraph (6) before the end of the consent period, K must, as soon as possible after the end of that period, give a notice to P stating that if P does not renew consent before the end of the renewal period, the gametes will be removed from storage and disposed of.
- (8) P’s consent to the storage of the gametes is to be taken as having been withdrawn at the end of a renewal period that relates to a consent period if—
- (a) K has complied with the requirements of sub-paragraphs (2) and (7) in relation to that consent period, and
 - (b) P’s consent is not renewed under sub-paragraph (6) before the end of the renewal period.
- But this is subject to sub-paragraphs (9) and (10).
- (9) If, in a case referred to in sub-paragraph (8)(a) and (b), P dies before the end of the renewal period—
- (a) P’s consent is not to be taken as withdrawn under sub-paragraph (8), but
 - (b) if at the end of the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which P died there is still effective consent from P to the storage, P’s consent is to be taken as withdrawn at that time.
- (10) If, in a case referred to in sub-paragraph (8)(a) and (b), before the end of the renewal period P is certified as lacking capacity to renew consent—
- (a) P’s consent is not to be taken as withdrawn under sub-paragraph (8), but
 - (b) if at the end of the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which P was so certified there is still effective consent from P to the storage, P’s consent is to be taken as withdrawn at that time.
- (11) But P’s consent is not to be taken as withdrawn under sub-paragraph (10)(b) if, before the time it would be taken to be withdrawn under that sub-paragraph—

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- (a) P is certified as having capacity to renew consent to storage of the gametes, and
 - (b) P renews consent to storage of the gametes by informing K in writing that P consents to their storage.
- (12) In a case where P renews consent under sub-paragraph (11)(b), this paragraph applies subsequently as if references to a consent period were to—
- (a) the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which P so renewed consent, and
 - (b) each successive period of 10 years.
- 11B (1) For the purposes of paragraph 11A, each of the following is a “consent period”—
- (a) the period of 10 years beginning with the relevant day, and
 - (b) each successive period of 10 years.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a) “relevant day” means—
- (a) the day on which the gametes are first placed in storage, or
 - (b) in a case where sub-paragraph (3) or (5) applies, the day on which P gives consent to the storage of the gametes.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies where the gametes are taken from or provided by P before P attains the age of 18 years and, at the time the gametes are first stored—
- (a) P has not attained the age of 16 years and is not competent to deal with the issue of consent to storage of the gametes, or
 - (b) P has attained that age but, although not lacking capacity to consent to the storage of the gametes, is not competent to deal with the issue of consent to their storage.
- (4) In relation to Scotland, sub-paragraph (3) is to be read as if, for paragraphs (a) and (b), there were substituted “P does not have capacity (within the meaning of section 2(4) of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991) to consent to storage of the gametes”.
- (5) This sub-paragraph applies where the gametes are taken from or provided by P after P attains the age of 16 years and, at the time the gametes are first stored, P lacks capacity to consent to their storage.
- (6) In paragraph 11A “the renewal period”, in relation to a consent period, means the period which—
- (a) begins 12 months before the end of the consent period, and
 - (b) ends 6 months after the end of the consent period.
- (7) In paragraph 11A “certified” means certified in writing by a registered medical practitioner.
- (8) In paragraph 11A and this paragraph, in relation to Scotland, references to a person lacking or having capacity to consent or renew consent are to be read as references to the person being or not being incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of consenting or renewing consent.

Renewal of consent to storage of embryos

- 11C (1) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) an embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, is in storage,

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- (b) the embryo is being kept for use for the purposes of providing treatment services to—
 - (i) a person (“P”) whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of the embryo, or
 - (ii) P and another person together,
 - (c) P’s consent to the storage of the embryo is required under paragraph 8(2), and
 - (d) there is effective consent from P to the storage of the embryo.
- (2) The person keeping the embryo in storage (“K”) must, in each consent period, request P to renew consent to storage of the embryo within the renewal period.
- For the meaning of “consent period” and “renewal period”, see paragraph 11D.
- (3) A request under sub-paragraph (2) must be given in writing before the start of the renewal period.
- (4) The duty in sub-paragraph (2) ceases to apply if—
- (a) K is notified that P has died, or
 - (b) K is notified under paragraph 4A(1)(c) of the withdrawal of a person’s consent to storage of the embryo.
- (5) The duty in sub-paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to any consent period if—
- (a) K has at any time been informed in writing that P has been certified as lacking capacity to renew consent to storage of the embryo, and
 - (b) K has not subsequently been informed in writing, before the start of the renewal period which relates to that consent period, that P has been certified as having capacity to renew consent to storage of the embryo.
- (6) P renews consent by informing K in writing that P consents to the storage of the embryo.
- (7) If P’s consent is not renewed under sub-paragraph (6) before the end of the consent period, K must, as soon as possible after the end of that period, give a notice to P stating that if P does not renew consent before the end of the renewal period, the embryo will be removed from storage and disposed of.
- (8) P’s consent to the storage of the embryo is to be taken as having been withdrawn at the end of a renewal period that relates to a consent period if—
- (a) K has complied with the requirements of sub-paragraphs (2) and (7) in relation to that consent period, and
 - (b) P’s consent is not renewed under sub-paragraph (6) before the end of the renewal period.

But this is subject to sub-paragraphs (9) and (10).

- (9) If, in a case referred to in sub-paragraph (8)(a) and (b), P dies before the end of the renewal period—
- (a) P’s consent is not to be taken as withdrawn under sub-paragraph (8), but
 - (b) if at the end of the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which P died there is still effective consent from P to the storage, P’s consent is to be taken as withdrawn at that time.
- (10) If, in a case referred to in sub-paragraph (8)(a) and (b), before the end of the renewal period P is certified as lacking capacity to renew consent—

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- (a) P’s consent is not to be taken as withdrawn under sub-paragraph (8), but
 - (b) if at the end of the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which P was so certified there is still effective consent from P to the storage, P’s consent is to be taken as withdrawn at that time.
- (11) But P’s consent is not to be taken as withdrawn under sub-paragraph (10)(b) if, before the time it would be taken to be withdrawn under that sub-paragraph—
- (a) P is certified as having capacity to renew consent to storage of the embryo, and
 - (b) P renews consent to storage of the embryo by informing K in writing that P consents to its storage.
- (12) In a case where P has renewed consent under sub-paragraph (11)(b), this paragraph applies subsequently as if references to the consent period were to—
- (a) the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which P so renewed consent, and
 - (b) each successive period of 10 years.
- (13) Where P’s consent is taken as withdrawn under this paragraph, K must, as soon as possible, take all reasonable steps to give notice of the withdrawal to each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about its creation.
- (14) Storage of the embryo remains lawful until—
- (a) the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which P’s consent is taken as withdrawn under this paragraph, or
 - (b) if, before the end of that period, K receives a notice from each person notified under sub-paragraph (13) stating that the person consents to the disposal of the embryo, the time at which the last of those notices was received.
- 11D (1) For the purposes of paragraph 11C, each of the following is a “consent period”—
- (a) the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which the embryo is first placed in storage, and
 - (b) each successive period of 10 years.
- (2) In paragraph 11C “the renewal period”, in relation to a consent period, means the period which—
- (a) begins 12 months before the end of the consent period, and
 - (b) ends 6 months after the end of the consent period.
- (3) In paragraph 11C “certified” means certified in writing by a registered medical practitioner.
- (4) In paragraph 11C, in relation to Scotland, references to a person lacking or having capacity to renew consent are to be read as references to the person being or not being incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of renewing consent.]

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^{F64}Creation, use and storage of human admixed embryos

Textual Amendments

F64 Sch. 3 paras. 12-14 and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 13](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

- 12 (1) A person's gametes or human cells must not be used to bring about the creation of any human admixed embryo *in vitro* unless there is an effective consent by that person to any human admixed embryo, the creation of which may be brought about with the use of those gametes or human cells, being used for the purposes of any project of research.
- (2) A human admixed embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* must not be received by any person unless there is an effective consent by each relevant person in relation to the human admixed embryo to the use of the human admixed embryo for the purposes of any project of research.
- (3) A human admixed embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* must not be used for the purposes of a project of research unless—
- (a) there is an effective consent by each relevant person in relation to the human admixed embryo to the use of the human admixed embryo for that purpose, and
- (b) the human admixed embryo is used in accordance with those consents.
- (4) If the Authority is satisfied that the parental consent conditions in paragraph 15 are met in relation to the proposed use under a licence of the human cells of a person who has not attained the age of 18 years (“C”), the Authority may in the licence authorise the application of sub-paragraph (5) in relation to C.
- (5) Where the licence authorises the application of this sub-paragraph, the effective consent of a person having parental responsibility for C—
- (a) to the use of C's human cells to bring about the creation of a human admixed embryo *in vitro* for use for the purposes of a project of research, or
- (b) to the use for those purposes of a human admixed embryo in relation to which C is a relevant person by reason only of the use of C's human cells,
- is to be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) as the effective consent of C.
- (6) If C attains the age of 18 years or the condition in paragraph 15(3) ceases to be met in relation to C, paragraph 4 has effect in relation to C as if any effective consent previously given under sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) by a person having parental responsibility for C had been given by C but, subject to that, sub-paragraph (5) ceases to apply in relation to C.
- (7) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) have effect subject to paragraphs 16 and 20.
- 13 (1) A human admixed embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* must not be kept in storage unless—
- (a) there is an effective consent by each relevant person in relation to the human admixed embryo to the storage of the human admixed embryo, and
- (b) the human admixed embryo is stored in accordance with those consents.

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- (2) Where a licence authorises the application of paragraph 12(5) in relation to a person who has not attained the age of 18 years (“C”), the effective consent of a person having parental responsibility for C to the storage of a human admixed embryo in relation to which C is a relevant person by reason only of the use of C's human cells is to be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) as the effective consent of C.
- (3) If C attains the age of 18 years or the condition in paragraph 15(3) ceases to be met in relation to C, paragraph 4 has effect in relation to C as if any effective consent previously given under sub-paragraph (1) by a person having parental responsibility for C had been given by C but, subject to that, sub-paragraph (2) ceases to apply in relation to C.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (1) has effect subject to paragraphs 16 and 20.
- 14 For the purposes of paragraphs 12 and 13, each of the following is a relevant person in relation to a human admixed embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro* (“human admixed embryo A”)—
- (a) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of human admixed embryo A,
 - (b) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of any embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, which was used to bring about the creation of human admixed embryo A, and
 - (c) each person whose gametes or human cells were used to bring about the creation of any other human admixed embryo, the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*, which was used to bring about the creation of human admixed embryo A.]

[^{F65}Parental consent conditions

Textual Amendments

F65 Sch. 3 paras. 15-21 and cross-headings inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 14](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

- 15 (1) In relation to a person who has not attained the age of 18 years (“C”), the parental consent conditions referred to in paragraphs 6(3A) and 12(4) are as follows.
- (2) Condition A is that C suffers from, or is likely to develop, a serious disease, a serious physical or mental disability or any other serious medical condition.
- (3) Condition B is that either—
- (a) C is not competent to deal with the issue of consent to the use of C's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of a project of research, or
 - (b) C has attained the age of 16 years but lacks capacity to consent to such use of C's human cells.
- (4) Condition C is that any embryo or human admixed embryo to be created *in vitro* is to be used for the purposes of a project of research which is intended to increase knowledge about—

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- (a) the disease, disability or medical condition mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) or any similar disease, disability or medical condition, or
 - (b) the treatment of, or care of persons affected by, that disease, disability or medical condition or any similar disease, disability or medical condition.
- (5) Condition D is that there are reasonable grounds for believing that research of comparable effectiveness cannot be carried out if the only human cells that can be used to bring about the creation *in vitro* of embryos or human admixed embryos for use for the purposes of the project are the human cells of persons who—
- (a) have attained the age of 18 years and have capacity to consent to the use of their human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of the project, or
 - (b) have not attained that age but are competent to deal with the issue of consent to such use of their human cells.
- (6) In relation to Scotland, sub-paragraphs (1) to (5) are to be read with the following modifications—
- (a) for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—
 - “(3) Condition B is that C does not have capacity (within the meaning of section 2(4ZB) of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991) to consent to the use of C's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of a project of research.”
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (5)(a), for “have capacity to consent” substitute “ are not incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of giving consent ”, and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (5)(b), for “are competent to deal with the issue of” substitute “ have capacity (within the meaning of section 2(4ZB) of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991) to ”.

Adults lacking capacity: exemption relating to use of human cells etc.

- 16 (1) If, in relation to the proposed use under a licence of the human cells of a person who has attained the age of 18 years (“P”), the Authority is satisfied—
- (a) that the conditions in paragraph 17 are met,
 - (b) that paragraphs (1) to (4) of paragraph 18 have been complied with, and
 - (c) that the condition in paragraph 18(5) is met,
- the Authority may in the licence authorise the application of this paragraph in relation to P.
- (2) Where a licence authorises the application of this paragraph, this Schedule does not require the consent of P—
- (a) to the use (whether during P's life or after P's death) of P's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of a project of research,
 - (b) to the storage or the use for those purposes (whether during P's life or after P's death) of an embryo or human admixed embryo in relation to which P is a relevant person by reason only of the use of P's human cells.
- (3) This paragraph has effect subject to paragraph 19.

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Consent to use of human cells etc. not required: adult lacking capacity

- 17 (1) The conditions referred to in paragraph 16(1)(a) are as follows.
- (2) Condition A is that P suffers from, or is likely to develop, a serious disease, a serious physical or mental disability or any other serious medical condition.
- (3) Condition B is that P lacks capacity to consent to the use of P's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of a project of research.
- (4) Condition C is that the person responsible under the licence has no reason to believe that P had refused such consent at a time when P had that capacity.
- (5) Condition D is that it appears unlikely that P will at some time have that capacity.
- (6) Condition E is that any embryo or human admixed embryo to be created *in vitro* is to be used for the purposes of a project of research which is intended to increase knowledge about—
- (a) the disease, disability or medical condition mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) or any similar disease, disability or medical condition, or
- (b) the treatment of, or care of persons affected by, that disease, disability or medical condition or any similar disease, disability or medical condition.
- (7) Condition F is that there are reasonable grounds for believing that research of comparable effectiveness cannot be carried out if the only human cells that can be used to bring about the creation *in vitro* of embryos or human admixed embryos for use for the purposes of the project are the human cells of persons who—
- (a) have attained the age of 18 years and have capacity to consent to the use of their human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of the project, or
- (b) have not attained that age but are competent to deal with the issue of consent to such use of their human cells.
- (8) In this paragraph and paragraph 18 references to the person responsible under the licence are to be read, in a case where an application for a licence is being made, as references to the person who is to be the person responsible.
- (9) In relation to Scotland—
- (a) references in sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) to P lacking, or having, capacity to consent are to be read respectively as references to P being, or not being, incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of giving such consent, and
- (b) sub-paragraph (7) is to be read with the following modifications—
- (i) in paragraph (a), for “have capacity to consent” substitute “ are not incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of giving consent ”, and
- (ii) in paragraph (b), for “are competent to deal with the issue of” substitute “ have capacity (within the meaning of section 2(4ZB) of the Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991) to ”.

Consulting carers etc. in case of adult lacking capacity

- 18 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a person who has attained the age of 18 years (“P”) where the person responsible under the licence (“R”) wishes to use P's human

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cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of a project of research, in a case where P lacks capacity to consent to their use.

- (2) R must take reasonable steps to identify a person who—
 - (a) otherwise than in a professional capacity or for remuneration, is engaged in caring for P or is interested in P's welfare, and
 - (b) is prepared to be consulted by R under this paragraph of this Schedule.
- (3) If R is unable to identify such a person R must nominate a person who—
 - (a) is prepared to be consulted by R under this paragraph of this Schedule, but
 - (b) has no connection with the project.
- (4) R must provide the person identified under sub-paragraph (2) or nominated under sub-paragraph (3) (“F”) with information about the proposed use of human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of embryos or human admixed embryos for use for the purposes of the project and ask F what, in F's opinion, P's wishes and feelings about the use of P's human cells for that purpose would be likely to be if P had capacity in relation to the matter.
- (5) The condition referred to in paragraph 16(1)(c) is that, on being consulted, F has not advised R that in F's opinion P's wishes and feelings would be likely to lead P to decline to consent to the use of P's human cells for that purpose.
- (6) In relation to Scotland, the references in sub-paragraphs (1) and (4) to P lacking, or having, capacity to consent are to be read respectively as references to P being, or not being, incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of giving such consent.

Effect of acquiring capacity

- 19 (1) Paragraph 16 does not apply to the use of P's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo if, at a time before the human cells are used for that purpose, P—
 - (a) has capacity to consent to their use, and
 - (b) gives written notice to the person keeping the human cells that P does not wish them to be used for that purpose.
- (2) Paragraph 16 does not apply to the storage or use of an embryo or human admixed embryo whose creation *in vitro* was brought about with the use of P's human cells if, at a time before the embryo or human admixed embryo is used for the purposes of the project of research, P—
 - (a) has capacity to consent to the storage or use, and
 - (b) gives written notice to the person keeping the human cells that P does not wish them to be used for that purpose.
- (3) In relation to Scotland, the references in sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(a) to P having capacity to consent are to be read as references to P not being incapable (within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000) of giving such consent.

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Use of cells or cell lines in existence before relevant commencement date

- 20 (1) Where a licence authorises the application of this paragraph in relation to qualifying cells, this Schedule does not require the consent of a person (“P”)—
- (a) to the use of qualifying cells of P to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of a project of research, or
 - (b) to the storage or the use for those purposes of an embryo or human admixed embryo in relation to which P is a relevant person by reason only of the use of qualifying cells of P.
- (2) “Qualifying cells” are human cells which—
- (a) were lawfully stored for research purposes immediately before the commencement date, or
 - (b) are derived from human cells which were lawfully stored for those purposes at that time.
- (3) The “commencement date” is the date on which paragraph 9(2)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (requirement for consent to use of human cells to create an embryo) comes into force.

Conditions for grant of exemption in paragraph 20

- 21 (1) A licence may not authorise the application of paragraph 20 unless the Authority is satisfied—
- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for believing that scientific research will be adversely affected to a significant extent if the only human cells that can be used to bring about the creation *in vitro* of embryos or human admixed embryos for use for the purposes of the project of research are—
 - (i) human cells in respect of which there is an effective consent to their use to bring about the creation *in vitro* of embryos or human admixed embryos for use for those purposes, or
 - (ii) human cells which by virtue of paragraph 16 can be used without such consent, and
 - (b) that any of the following conditions is met in relation to each of the persons whose human cells are qualifying cells which are to be used for the purposes of the project of research.
- (2) Condition A is that—
- (a) it is not reasonably possible for the person responsible under the licence (“R”) to identify the person falling within sub-paragraph (1)(b) (“P”), and
 - (b) where any information that relates to P (without identifying P or enabling P to be identified) is available to R, that information does not suggest that P would have objected to the use of P’s human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of the project.
- (3) Condition B is that—
- (a) the person falling within sub-paragraph (1)(b) (“P”) is dead or the person responsible under the licence (“R”) believes on reasonable grounds that P is dead,
 - (b) the information relating to P that is available to R does not suggest that P would have objected to the use of P’s human cells to bring about the creation

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- in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of the project, and
- (c) a person who stood in a qualifying relationship to P immediately before P died (or is believed to have died) has given consent in writing to the use of P's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of the project.
- (4) Condition C is that—
- (a) the person responsible under the licence (“R”) has taken all reasonable steps to contact—
- (i) the person falling within sub-paragraph (1)(b) (“P”), or
- (ii) in a case where P is dead or R believes on reasonable grounds that P is dead, persons who could give consent for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(c),
- but has been unable to do so, and
- (b) the information relating to P that is available to R does not suggest that P would have objected to the use of P's human cells to bring about the creation *in vitro* of an embryo or human admixed embryo for use for the purposes of the project.
- (5) The HTA consent provisions apply in relation to consent for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(c) as they apply in relation to consent for the purposes of section 3(6)(c) of the Human Tissue Act 2004; and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph the HTA consent provisions are to be treated as if they extended to Scotland.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (5) “the HTA consent provisions” means subsections (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8)(a) and (b) of section 27 of the Human Tissue Act 2004.
- (7) In this paragraph references to the person responsible under the licence are to be read, in a case where an application for a licence is being made, as references to the person who is to be the person responsible.
- (8) Paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Schedule do not apply in relation to a consent given for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(c).]

[^{F66}Interpretation

Textual Amendments

F66 Sch. 3 para. 22 and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008](#) (c. 22), s. 68(2), [Sch. 3 para. 15](#); S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(w)

- 22 (1) In this Schedule references to human cells are to human cells which are not—
- (a) cells of the female or male germ line, or
- (b) cells of an embryo.
- (2) References in this Schedule to an embryo or a human admixed embryo which was used to bring about the creation of an embryo (“embryo A”) or a human admixed embryo (“human admixed embryo A”) include an embryo or, as the case may be, a human admixed embryo which was used to bring about the creation of—
- (a) an embryo or human admixed embryo which was used to bring about the creation of embryo A or human admixed embryo A, and

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- (b) the predecessor of that embryo or human admixed embryo mentioned in paragraph (a), and
 - (c) the predecessor of that predecessor, and so on.
- (3) References in this Schedule to an embryo or a human admixed embryo whose creation may be brought about using an embryo or a human admixed embryo are to be read in accordance with sub-paragraph (2).
- (4) References in this Schedule (however expressed) to the use of human cells to bring about the creation of an embryo or a human admixed embryo include the use of human cells to alter the embryo or, as the case may be, the human admixed embryo.
- (5) References in this Schedule to parental responsibility are—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, to be read in accordance with the Children Act 1989,
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, to be read in accordance with the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and
 - (c) in relation to Scotland, to be read as references to parental responsibilities and parental rights within the meaning of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.
- (6) References in this Schedule to capacity are, in relation to England and Wales, to be read in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act 2005.
- (7) References in this Schedule to the age of 18 years are, in relation to Scotland, to be read as references to the age of 16 years.]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Sch. 3 para. 22 applied (with modifications) (29.10.2015) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Mitochondrial Donation\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/572\)](#), regs. 1, 17

[^{F67}SCHEDULE 3ZA

CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH OFFER OF COUNSELLING
 REQUIRED AS CONDITION OF LICENCE FOR TREATMENT

Textual Amendments

- F67** Sch. 3ZA inserted (6.4.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 4](#); S.I. 2009/479, art. 4(b) (with art. 7Sch.)

PART 1

KINDS OF TREATMENT IN RELATION TO WHICH COUNSELLING MUST BE OFFERED

- 1 The treatment services involve the use of the gametes of any person and that person's consent is required under paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 for the use in question.
- 2 The treatment services involve the use of any embryo the creation of which was brought about *in vitro*.

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- 3 The treatment services involve the use of an embryo taken from a woman and the consent of the woman from whom the embryo was taken was required under paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 for the use in question.

PART 2

EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH COUNSELLING MUST BE OFFERED

- 4 A man gives the person responsible a notice under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 37 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (agreed fatherhood conditions) in a case where the woman for whom the treatment services are provided has previously given a notice under paragraph (b) of that subsection referring to the man.
- 5 The woman for whom the treatment services are provided gives the person responsible a notice under paragraph (b) of that subsection in a case where the man to whom the notice relates has previously given a notice under paragraph (a) of that subsection.
- 6 A woman gives the person responsible notice under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 44 of that Act (agreed female parenthood conditions) in a case where the woman for whom the treatment services are provided has previously given a notice under paragraph (b) of that subsection referring to her.
- 7 The woman for whom the treatment services are provided gives the person responsible a notice under paragraph (b) of that subsection in a case where the other woman to whom the notice relates has previously given a notice under paragraph (a) of that subsection.]

[^{F68}SCHEDULE 3A

Section 14A

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCE CONDITIONS: HUMAN APPLICATION

Textual Amendments

- F68** Sch. 3A inserted (25.5.2007 for certain purposes, otherwise 5.7.2007) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Quality and Safety\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1522\)](#), regs 1, **30**

- [^{F69}A1 For the purposes of this Act, as it applies in relation to Great Britain, the first, second and third Directives are to be read subject to the modifications set out in paragraphs 11A to 11C.]

Textual Amendments

- F69** Sch. 3A para. A1 inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/482\)](#), regs. 1, **2(17)(a)** (with reg. 4) (as amended by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **16(a)**); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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[^{F70}Traceability system

Textual Amendments

F70 Sch. 3A para. 1 substituted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), 4(5) (with reg. 6(2)(3))

1 Licence conditions shall require that all persons to whom a licence applies adopt such systems as the Authority considers appropriate to secure compliance with the requirements of Article 8 of the first Directive (traceability) and Article 9 of the third Directive (traceability).]

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Textual Amendments

F71 Sch. 3A para. 2 omitted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), 4(6) (with reg. 6(2)(3))

Serious adverse events and serious adverse reactions [^{F72}: Great Britain]

Textual Amendments

F72 Words in Sch. 3A para. 3 heading inserted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(17\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, 16(b))

3 [^{F73}In relation to Great Britain, licence] conditions shall require such—

- (a) systems to report, investigate, register and transmit information about serious adverse events and serious adverse reactions, and
- (b) accurate, rapid and verifiable procedures for recalling from distribution any product which may be related to a serious adverse event or serious adverse reaction,

to be in place as [^{F74}the Authority considers appropriate].

Textual Amendments

F73 Words in Sch. 3A para. 3 substituted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(17\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, 16(b))

F74 Words in Sch. 3A para. 3 substituted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(17\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, 16(b))

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[^{F75}Serious adverse events and serious adverse reactions: Northern Ireland

Textual Amendments

F75 Sch. 3A para. 3A and cross-heading inserted (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2019/482, reg. 2(17)(ba) (as substituted by The Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1307), regs. 1, 16(b))

- 3A. In relation to Northern Ireland, licence conditions shall require such—
- (a) systems to report, investigate, register and transmit information about serious adverse events and serious adverse reactions, and
 - (b) accurate, rapid and verifiable procedures for recalling from distribution any product which may be related to a serious adverse event or serious adverse reaction,
- to be in place as are necessary to secure compliance with the requirements of Article 11 (notification of serious adverse events and reactions) of the first Directive and Article 5 (notification of serious adverse reactions) and Article 6 (notification of serious adverse events) of the third Directive.]

Third party agreements and termination of licensed activities

- 4 For the purpose of securing compliance with the requirements of Articles 21(5) (tissue and cell storage conditions) and 24 (relations between tissue establishments and third parties) of the first Directive, licence conditions shall specify the requirements that must be met in relation to the termination of storage activities authorised by the licence and in relation to third party agreements.

Requirements for procurement of gametes and embryos

- 5 Licence conditions shall require all persons to whom a licence applies who are authorised to procure gametes or embryos, or both, to comply with the requirements (including as to staff training, written agreements with staff, standard operating procedures, and appropriate facilities and equipment) laid down in Article 2 (requirements for the procurement of human tissues and cells) of the second Directive.

Selection criteria and laboratory tests required for donors of reproductive cells

- 6 In relation to partner-donated sperm which is not intended to be used without processing or storage, licence conditions shall require compliance with the selection criteria for donors and the requirements for laboratory tests laid down in section 2 (partner donation (not direct use)) of Annex III (selection criteria and laboratory tests required for donors of reproductive cells) to the second Directive.
- 7 In relation to donations of gametes or embryos other than partner-donated sperm or partner-created embryos, licence conditions shall require compliance with the selection criteria for donors and the requirements for laboratory tests laid down in section 3 (donations other than by partners) of Annex III to the second Directive.
- 8 Licence conditions shall require that the laboratory tests required by sections 2 and 3 of Annex III to the second Directive to be carried out for the purpose of selecting gametes or embryos for donation, meet the requirements of section 4

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(general requirements to be met for determining biological markers) of Annex III to the second Directive.

Donation and procurement procedures and reception at the tissue establishment

- 9 In relation to—
- (a) donation and procurement procedures, and
 - (b) the reception of gametes and embryos at the premises to which a licence relates or at relevant third party premises,

licence conditions shall require compliance with the requirements of Article 15(3) (selection, evaluation and procurement) and Article 19(4) to (6) (tissue and cell reception) of the first Directive and with the requirements laid down in the provisions of the second Directive listed in the right-hand column, the subject-matter of which are described in the left-hand column in respect of those provisions.

***Relevant
provisions of the
second Directive***

1. Donation and procurement procedures

Consent and donor identification (record of consent, method of identification, donor interview) Annex IV, point 1.1

Donor evaluation: other than partner-donated sperm and partner-created embryos and autologous donors (assessment of donor's medical and behavioural information) Annex IV, point 1.2

Procurement procedures for gametes and embryos (requirements relating to procurement procedures and instruments) Annex IV, point 1.3

Donor documentation (record of donor and the procurement) Annex IV, point 1.4

Packaging (requirements as to packaging and shipping containers) Annex IV, point 1.5

Labelling of the procured gametes and embryos (minimum labelling requirements) Annex IV, point 1.6

Labelling of the shipping container (minimum labelling requirements) Annex IV, point 1.7

2. Reception of tissues and cells at the tissue establishment

Verification upon arrival (procedures for verification and requirement for quarantine until verification) Annex IV, points 2.1 to 2.3

Registration of data (other than in respect of partner-donated sperm and partner-created embryos) Annex IV, point 2.4

Registration of data (partner-donated sperm and partner-created embryos) Annex IV, point 2.5

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Requirements for holding a licence under paragraph 1, 1A or 2 of Schedule 2

- 10 Licence conditions shall require compliance with the requirements laid down in the provisions of the third Directive listed in the right-hand column, the subject-matter of which are described in the left-hand column in respect of those provisions.

Relevant provisions of the third Directive

- Organisation and management (requirements as to organisational structure, management systems, and third party agreements) Annex I, Part A
- Personnel (number, competence, responsibilities and training) Annex I, Part B
- Equipment and materials (appropriate for use, validation, maintenance, and specifications) Annex I, Part C
- Facilities and premises (suitability, environment, storage, and maintenance) Annex I, Part D
- Documentation and records (standard operating procedures, document control, record reliability) Annex I, Part E
- Quality review (quality management system, investigations, corrective action, and reviews) Annex I, Part F

Requirements for holding a licence for gametes and embryo preparation processes

- 11 In respect of gametes and embryos preparation processes, licence conditions shall require compliance with—
- (a) the requirements of Article 20(2) and (3) (tissue and cell processing) and Article 21(2) to (4) of the first Directive, and
 - (b) the requirements laid down in the provisions of the third Directive listed in the right-hand column, the subject-matter of which are described in the left-hand column in respect of those provisions.

Relevant provisions of the third Directive

- Reception of gametes and embryos at the tissue establishment Annex II, Part A
- Processing of gametes and embryos (validation, documentation and evaluation of critical procedures) Annex II, Part B
- Storage and release of gametes and embryos (criteria to be complied with, including standard operating procedure) Annex II, Part C
- Distribution and recall of gametes and embryos (criteria to be complied with, including procedures to be adopted) Annex II, Part D

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Final labelling of gametes and embryo containers for distribution (information to be shown on container label or in accompanying documentation) Annex II, Part E

External labelling of the shipping container (information to be shown on label on shipping container) Annex II, Part F

f^{F76} Modifications to the first, second and third Directives

Textual Amendments

F76 Sch. 3A paras. 11A-11C and cross-heading inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/482\)](#), regs. 1, **2(17)(c)** (with reg. 4) (as amended by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **16(c)**); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

- 11A (1) The modifications to the first Directive are as follows.
- (2) Article 8 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 1—
 - (i) the reference to Member States were a reference to the Authority;
 - (ii) for “on their territory” there were substituted “in Great Britain”;
 - (b) paragraphs 2, 3 5 and 6 were omitted.
- (3) Article 14 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 1—
 - (i) the reference to Member States were a reference to the Authority;
 - (ii) for “within the scope of this Directive” there were substituted “in accordance with the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (b) in paragraph 2, the reference to Member States were a reference to the Authority;
 - (c) in paragraph 3—
 - (i) the first reference to Member States were a reference to the Authority;
 - (ii) “in Member States” were omitted.
- (4) Article 15 is to be read as if paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 were omitted.
- (5) Article 19(5) is to be read as if the words “in accordance with Article 8” were omitted.
- (6) Article 20 is to be read as if in paragraph 1, the reference to Article 28(h) were a reference to the requirements of Annex 2 to the third Directive listed in paragraph 11 of this Schedule.
- (7) Article 21 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 4, for “laid down in this Directive” there were substituted “of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (b) in paragraph 5—

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- (i) the first reference to Member States were a reference to the Authority;
 - (ii) the reference to a tissue establishment accredited, designated, authorised or licensed in accordance with Article 6 were a reference to a tissue establishment authorised or licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
 - (iii) for the words “Member States' legislation” there were substituted “legislation”.
- (8) Article 24 is to be read as if—
 - (a) in paragraph 2, for “laid down in this Directive” there were substituted “required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (b) in paragraph 5, the reference to the competent authority or authorities were a reference to the Authority.
- (9) The Annex is to be read as if—
 - (a) in paragraph B.1, for “legislation in force in Member States” there were substituted “requirements of Schedule 3 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (b) paragraph B.2 were omitted.
- 11B (1) The modifications to the second Directive are as follows.
 - (2) Article 2 is to be read as if, in paragraph 1, the reference to Member States were a reference to the Authority.
 - (3) Articles 3, 4 and 5 are to be read as if any reference to the competent authority or authorities were a reference to the Authority.
 - (4) Annex 1 is to be read as if, in the first paragraph, for “responsible person as defined in Article 17 of Directive 2004/23/EC” there were substituted “person responsible in accordance with section 17 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”.
 - (5) Annex 2 is to be read as if, in paragraph 2.1, the reference to the competent authority in the Member State were a reference to the Authority.
 - (6) Annex 3 is to be read as if, in paragraph 3.6, for “in force in Member States” there were substituted “of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”.
 - (7) Annex 4 is to be read as if—
 - (a) in paragraphs 1.1.1 and 1.2.1, the reference to an authorised person were to—
 - (i) the person responsible in accordance with section 17 of this Act, or
 - (ii) a person authorised by the person responsible or the Authority to carry out the specified tasks;
 - (b) in paragraph 1.1.1(a), for “Article 13 of Directive 2004/23/EC” there were substituted “the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (c) in paragraph 1.4.4, the reference to the competent authority were a reference to the Authority.
- 11C (1) The modifications to the third Directive are as follows.
 - (2) Annex 1 is to be read as if—
 - (a) in paragraph A.1—

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- (i) for “responsible person” there were substituted “ person responsible ”;
 - (ii) for “as provided in Article 17 of Directive 2004/23/EC” there were substituted “ in accordance with the requirements of sections 16 and 17 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (b) in paragraph A.4, for “laid down in this Directive” there were substituted “ required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (c) in paragraph C.6, for the words from “requirements of Council” to the end there were substituted “ requirements of the Medical Devices Regulations 2002 ”;
 - (d) in paragraph D.1, for “laid down in this Directive” there were substituted “ required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (e) in paragraph E.1, for “laid down in this Directive” there were substituted “ required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (f) in paragraph E.8, the reference to the competent authority were a reference to the Authority.
- (3) Annex 2 is to be read as if—
- (a) in the first paragraph, the reference to the competent authority were a reference to the Authority;
 - (b) in paragraph A, for the words from “the tissues and cells must” to the end there were substituted “ tissue establishment procedures must ensure that the licence conditions in paragraph 9 of Schedule 3A to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 are met ”;
 - (c) in paragraph B.3, for the words from “the standards” to the end there were substituted “ the requirements of paragraph 10 of Schedule 3A to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (d) in paragraph B.8, the second sentence were omitted;
 - (e) in paragraph C.2, for “laid down in this Directive” there were substituted “ of Schedule 3A to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (f) in paragraphs C.4 and C.5, any reference to the responsible person as defined or specified in Article 17 of Directive 2004/23/EC were a reference to the person responsible in accordance with section 17 of this Act;
 - (g) in paragraph D.5, the reference to the competent authority were a reference to the Authority;
 - (h) in paragraph E.2(h), for “as set out in Articles 5 to 6” there were substituted “ in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 3A to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”.]

Interpretation of this Schedule

- 12 In this Schedule, “partner-created embryos” means embryos created using the gametes of a man and a woman who declare that they have an intimate physical relationship.]

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[^{F77}SCHEDULE 3AA

Section 24(4AA), (4AB) and (4AC)

REQUIREMENTS WHERE GAMETES OR EMBRYOS IMPORTED FROM THIRD COUNTRY

Textual Amendments

F77 Sch. 3AA inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(6)**

[^{F78}A1 For the purposes of this Act, as it applies in relation to Great Britain, the fourth Directive is to be read subject to the modifications set out in paragraph 3A.

Textual Amendments

F78 Sch. 3AA para. A1 and cross-heading inserted (31.12.2020) [S.I. 2019/482](#), regs. 1, **2(18)(a)** (with reg. 4) (as amended by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **17(a)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)

Directions]

1. A direction given under section 24(4AA) must require the person to whom the licence applies to—
 - (a) comply with measures specified in the direction for the purposes of ensuring that any qualifying gametes or embryos imported from a third country meet standards of quality and safety equivalent to those laid down in this Act,
 - (b) provide the Authority with any information specified in the direction for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Parts A to E of Annex I to the fourth Directive (information to be provided by importing tissue establishments),
 - (c) provide the Authority with any documents specified in the direction for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Part F of Annex I to the fourth Directive (documentation to be provided by importing tissue establishments),
 - (d) do the following—
 - (i) make available for inspection any documents specified in the direction for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Parts A and B of Annex III to the fourth Directive (availability and provision of documentation) and,
 - (ii) if requested by the Authority, provide the Authority with any such documents,
 - (e) enter into a written agreement with any proposed third country supplier which complies with the requirements specified in the direction for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Article 7(2) and (3) of the fourth Directive (written agreements), and
 - (f) provide the Authority with a copy of the written agreement mentioned in sub-paragraph (e).

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2. A direction given under section 24(4AB) must require the person to whom the licence applies to —
- (a) comply with measures specified in the direction for the purposes of ensuring that any qualifying gametes or embryos imported from a third country meet standards of quality and safety equivalent to those laid down in this Act,
 - (b) provide the Authority with any information specified in the direction for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Parts A to E of Annex I to the fourth Directive (information to be provided by importing tissue establishments), and
 - [^{F79}(c) provide the Authority—
 - (i) in relation to Great Britain, with any information or documents specified in the direction for the purposes of demonstrating traceability, and that the import is a one-off import within the meaning given by section 24(4AE),
 - (ii) in relation to Northern Ireland, with any information or documents specified in the direction for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Articles 5(2) and 7(1) of the fourth Directive (requirements in relation to one-off imports).]

Textual Amendments

F79 Sch. 3AA para. 2(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482, reg. 2\(18\)\(b\)](#) (as amended by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, [17\(b\)](#))

3. The following requirements must be specified in directions under section 24(4) authorising any person to whom a licence applies to make any qualifying imports—
- (a) a requirement that the person must not make any substantial changes in connection with any qualifying imports made by the person unless the Authority approves those changes in writing,
 - (b) a requirement that the person must notify the Authority if the person ceases to make qualifying imports,
 - (c) a requirement that the person must—
 - (i) notify the Authority of any serious adverse events or serious adverse reactions notified to the person by the person's third country supplier (including events or reactions which that supplier suspects are serious adverse events or reactions), and
 - (ii) provide any information specified in the direction which the Authority requires for the purposes of securing compliance with the requirements of Article 6(2) of the fourth Directive (updated information), and
 - (d) a requirement that the person must notify the Authority of any changes in circumstances of the person's third country supplier of which the person is aware.

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^{F80} Modifications to the fourth Directive

Textual Amendments

F80 Sch. 3AA para. 3A and cross-headings inserted (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2019/482, regs. 1, **2(18)(c)** (with reg. 4) (as amended by **The Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020** (S.I. 2020/1307), regs. 1, **17(c)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)

- 3A (1) The modifications to the fourth Directive are as follows.
- (2) The Directive is to be read as if references to a third country were references to any country other than the United Kingdom.
- (3) Article 2 is to be read as if for “the Union”, in each place where it occurs, there were substituted “Great Britain”.
- (4) Article 5(1) is to be read as if—
- (a) for “laid down in Directive [2004/23/EC](#)” there were substituted “ required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (b) the references to the competent authority or authorities were references to the Authority.
- (5) Article 6 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 2—
 - (i) the reference to the competent authority or authorities were a reference to the Authority;
 - (ii) the words from “The information laid out” to the end were omitted;
 - (b) in paragraph 3—
 - (i) the first reference to the competent authority or authorities were a reference to the Authority;
 - (ii) the reference to the competent authority or authorities in subparagraph (b) were a reference to the authority or authorities in the third country concerned responsible for regulating tissue establishments in that country.
- (6) Article 7 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 2, for “laid down in Directive [2004/23/EC](#)” there were substituted “ required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”;
 - (b) in paragraph 3, the reference to the competent authority or authorities were a reference to the Authority.
- (7) Annex 1 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph A.4, for “TE compendium code” there were substituted “ reference number previously allocated to the tissue establishment by the Authority ”;
 - (b) in paragraph B.4, the reference to the Responsible Person were a reference to the person responsible in accordance with section 17 of this Act;
 - (c) in paragraph C.2, the words “(where applicable, in accordance with the EU generic list)” were omitted;

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- (d) in paragraph F.3, the references to a third country competent authority or authorities were references to the authority or authorities in the third country responsible for regulating tissue establishments in that country.
- (8) Annex 3 is to be read as if—
- (a) in the first paragraph, the reference to the competent authority or authorities were a reference to the Authority;
 - (b) in paragraph A.1, for “as laid down in Directive 2004/23EC” there were substituted “in accordance with sections 16 and 17 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (c) in paragraph A.3, the words “applying the Single European Code,” were omitted;
 - (d) in paragraph B.7, the reference to a third country competent authority or authorities were a reference to the authority or authorities in the third country responsible for regulating tissue establishments in that country.
- (9) Annex 4 is to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 1, for “laid down in Directive 2004/23/EC” there were substituted “required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”;
 - (b) in paragraph 4, the reference to a third country competent authority or authorities were a reference to the authority or authorities in the third country responsible for regulating tissue establishments in that country;
 - (c) in paragraph 5, the reference to the competent authority or authorities were to the Authority;
 - (d) in paragraph 7, for “EU data protection rules” there were substituted “data protection legislation within the meaning of section 3(9) of the Data Protection Act 2018”;
 - (e) in paragraph 8, for the words from “requirements” to the end there were substituted “quality and safety standards required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990”.

Interpretation of this Schedule]

4. In this Schedule—

“changes of circumstances” means any changes in circumstances of the description specified in the direction in question in accordance with the provision made in Article 6(3) of the fourth Directive (notification of revocation of third country’s authorisation),

“substantial changes” means changes of the description specified in the direction in question in accordance with the provision as to the meaning of substantial changes made in Article 3(3) of the fourth Directive (requirements where substantial changes made to import activities).]

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[^{F81}SCHEDULE 3B

INSPECTION, ENTRY, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Textual Amendments

F81 Sch. 3B inserted (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 68(2), [Sch. 5](#); [S.I. 2009/2232](#), art. 2(x)

Inspection of statutory records

- 1 (1) A duly authorised person may require a person to produce for inspection any records which the person is required to keep by, or by virtue of, this Act.
- (2) Where records which a person is so required to keep are stored in any electronic form, the power under sub-paragraph (1) includes power to require the records to be made available for inspection—
 - (a) in a visible and legible form, or
 - (b) in a form from which they can be readily produced in a visible and legible form.
- (3) A duly authorised person may inspect and take copies of any records produced for inspection in pursuance of a requirement under this paragraph.

[^{F82}*Inspection of documents held by an importing licensee*

Textual Amendments

F82 Sch. 3B para. 1A inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), [5\(8\)](#)

- 1A. (1) This paragraph applies [^{F83}in relation to Northern Ireland] where—
 - (a) qualifying gametes or embryos are imported from a third country by an importing licensee,
 - (b) the gametes or embryos are distributed in an EEA state ^{F84}..., and
 - (c) the competent authority in that state ^{F85}... requests the Authority to arrange for an inspection of any relevant documents held by an importing licensee to be carried out.
- (2) The Authority must arrange for an inspection of the documents in question to be carried out by a duly authorised person, unless the Authority considers that it would be inappropriate to do so in the particular circumstances of the case.
- (3) Where relevant documents are stored in any electronic form, a duly authorised person may require an importing licensee to make the documents available for inspection—
 - (a) in a visible and legible form, or
 - (b) in a form from which they can be readily produced in a visible and legible form.

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- (4) A duly authorised person may take copies of any relevant documents inspected in pursuance of a requirement under this paragraph.
- (5) In this paragraph “relevant document” means a document relevant for the purposes of ascertaining whether qualifying gametes or embryos imported from a third country meet standards of quality and safety equivalent to those laid down in this Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F83** Words in Sch. 3B para. 1A(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2019/482, **reg. 2(19)(a)(i)** (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **18**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)
- F84** Words in Sch. 3B para. 1A(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2019/482, **reg. 2(19)(a)(ii)** (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **18**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)
- F85** Words in Sch. 3B para. 1A(1)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2019/482, **reg. 2(19)(a)(iii)** (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, **18**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)

Arranging inspections

- 2 (1) Where a person—
- (a) makes an enquiry to the Authority which concerns the making of a relevant application by that person, or
 - (b) has made a relevant application to the Authority which the Authority has not yet considered,
- the Authority may arrange for a duly authorised person to inspect any of the premises mentioned in sub-paragraph (3).
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) a “relevant application” means—
- (a) an application for authorisation for a person to carry on an activity governed by this Act which the person is not then authorised to carry on, or
 - (b) an application for authorisation for a person to carry on any such activity on premises where the person is not then authorised to carry it on.
- (3) The premises referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are—
- (a) the premises where any activity referred to in sub-paragraph (2) is to be carried on;
 - (b) any premises that will be relevant third party premises for the purposes of any application.
- (4) The power in sub-paragraph (1) is exercisable for purposes of the Authority's functions in relation to licences and third party agreements.

Entry and inspection of premises

- 3 (1) A duly authorised person may at any reasonable time enter and inspect any premises to which a licence relates or relevant third party premises.
- (2) The power in sub-paragraph (1) is exercisable for purposes of the Authority's functions in relation to licences and third party agreements.

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- 4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Authority shall arrange for any premises to which a licence relates to be inspected under paragraph 3 by a duly authorised person at intervals not exceeding two years.
- (2) The Authority need not comply with sub-paragraph (1) where the premises in question have been inspected in pursuance of paragraph 2 or 3 at any point within the previous two years.
- [^{F86}4A. (1) This paragraph applies [^{F87}in relation to Northern Ireland] where—
- (a) any activity governed by this Act is carried out in relation to qualifying gametes or embryos imported from a third country on any premises--
 - (i) to which a licence held by an importing licensee relates, or
 - (ii) which are relevant third party premises in relation to an importing licensee,
 - (b) the gametes or embryos are distributed in an EEA state ^{F88}..., and
 - (c) the competent authority in that state ^{F89}... requests the Authority to arrange for an inspection of the premises to be carried out.
- (2) The Authority must arrange for an inspection of the premises in question to be carried out under paragraph 3 by a duly authorised person, unless the Authority considers that it would be inappropriate to do so in the particular circumstances of the case.
- (3) Before an inspection of any premises is carried out in pursuance of sub-paragraph (2) the Authority must—
- (a) make arrangements with the requesting authority for it to participate in the inspection, or
 - (b) notify the requesting authority that the Authority has decided that it is not appropriate for the requesting authority to participate in the inspection and give reasons for that decision.
- (4) In this paragraph, “requesting authority” means the competent authority which made the request under sub-paragraph (1) for the Authority to arrange for the inspection to be carried out.]

Textual Amendments

- F86** Sch. 3B para. 4A inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), 5(9)
- F87** Words in Sch. 3B para. 4A(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(19\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, 18); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F88** Words in Sch. 3B para. 4A(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(19\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, 18); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))
- F89** Words in Sch. 3B para. 4A(1)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(19\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), regs. 1, 18); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

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Entry and search in connection with suspected offence

- 5 (1) If a justice of the peace is satisfied on sworn information or, in Northern Ireland, on a complaint on oath that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
- (a) that an offence under this Act is being, or has been committed on any premises, and
 - (b) that any of the conditions in sub-paragraph (2) is met in relation to the premises,
- the justice of the peace may by signed warrant authorise a duly authorised person, together with any constables, to enter the premises, if need be by force, and search them.
- (2) The conditions referred to are—
- (a) that entry to the premises has been, or is likely to be, refused and notice of the intention to apply for a warrant under this paragraph has been given to the occupier;
 - (b) that the premises are unoccupied;
 - (c) that the occupier is temporarily absent;
 - (d) that an application for admission to the premises or the giving of notice of the intention to apply for a warrant under this paragraph would defeat the object of entry.
- (3) A warrant under this paragraph shall continue in force until the end of the period of 31 days beginning with the day on which it is issued.
- (4) In relation to Scotland—
- (a) any reference in sub-paragraph (1) to a justice of the peace includes a reference to a sheriff, and
 - (b) the reference in that sub-paragraph to “on sworn information” is to be read as a reference to “by evidence on oath”.

Execution of warrants

- 6 (1) Entry and search under a warrant under paragraph 5 is unlawful if any of sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) and (6) is not complied with.
- (2) Entry and search shall be at a reasonable time unless the person executing the warrant thinks that the purpose of the search may be frustrated on an entry at a reasonable time.
- (3) If the occupier of the premises to which the warrant relates is present when the person executing the warrant seeks to enter them, the person executing the warrant shall—
- (a) produce the warrant to the occupier, and
 - (b) give the occupier—
 - (i) a copy of the warrant, and
 - (ii) an appropriate statement.
- (4) If the occupier of the premises to which the warrant relates is not present when the person executing the warrant seeks to enter them, but some other person is present who appears to the person executing the warrant to be in charge of the premises, the person executing the warrant shall—
- (a) produce the warrant to that other person,
 - (b) give that other person—

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- (i) a copy of the warrant, and
 - (ii) an appropriate statement, and
 - (c) leave a copy of the warrant in a prominent place on the premises.
- (5) In sub-paragraphs (3)(b)(ii) and (4)(b)(ii), the references to an appropriate statement are to a statement in writing containing such information relating to the powers of the person executing the warrant and the rights and obligations of the person to whom the statement is given as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (6) If the premises to which the warrant relates are unoccupied, the person executing the warrant shall leave a copy of it in a prominent place on the premises.
- (7) Where the premises in relation to which a warrant under paragraph 5 is executed are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent, the person executing the warrant shall when leaving the premises, leave them as effectively secured as the person found them.

Seizure in the course of inspection or search

- 7
- (1) A duly authorised person entering and inspecting premises under paragraph 3 may seize anything on the premises which the duly authorised person has reasonable grounds to believe may be required for—
 - (a) the purposes of the Authority's functions relating to the grant, revocation, variation or suspension of licences, or
 - (b) the purpose of taking appropriate control measures in the event of a serious adverse event or serious adverse reaction.
 - (2) A duly authorised person entering or searching premises under a warrant under paragraph 5 may seize anything on the premises which the duly authorised person has reasonable grounds to believe may be required for the purpose of being used in evidence in any proceedings for an offence under this Act.
 - (3) Where a person has power under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) to seize anything, that person may take such steps as appear to be necessary for preserving that thing or preventing interference with it.
 - (4) The power under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) includes power to retain anything seized in exercise of the power for so long as it may be required for the purpose for which it was seized.
 - (5) Where by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) or (2) a person (“P”) seizes anything, P shall leave on the premises from which the thing was seized a statement giving particulars of what P has seized and stating that P has seized it.

Supplementary provision

- 8
- (1) Power under this Schedule to enter and inspect or search any premises includes power to take such other persons and equipment as the person exercising the power reasonably considers necessary.
 - (2) Power under this Schedule to inspect or search any premises includes, in particular—
 - (a) power to inspect any equipment found on the premises,

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- (b) power to inspect and take copies of any [^{F90}relevant documents or] records found on the premises, and
 - (c) in the case of premises to which a licence relates or premises which are relevant third party premises in relation to a licence, power to observe the carrying-on of the licensed activity on the premises.
- (3) Any power under this Schedule to enter, inspect or search premises includes power to require any person to afford such facilities and assistance with respect to matters under that person's control as are necessary to enable the power of entry, inspection or search to be exercised.
- [In this paragraph “relevant document” means a document relevant for the purposes of
- ^{F91}(4) ascertaining whether qualifying gametes or embryos imported from a third country meet standards of quality and safety equivalent to those laid down in this Act.]

Textual Amendments

F90 Words in Sch. 3B para. 8(2)(b) inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(10)**

F91 Sch. 3B para. 8(4) inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(11)**

- 9 (1) A person's right to exercise a power under this Schedule is subject to production of evidence of the person's entitlement to exercise it, if required.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after having inspected premises in pursuance of arrangements made under paragraph 2 or after having exercised a power under this Schedule to inspect or search premises, the duly authorised person shall—
- (a) prepare a written report of the inspection, or as the case may be, the inspection and search, and
 - (b) if requested to do so by the appropriate person, give the appropriate person a copy of the report.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2), the “appropriate person” means—
- (a) in relation to premises to which a licence relates, the person responsible, or
 - (b) in relation to any other premises, the occupier.
- [Sub-paragraph (5) applies [^{F93}in relation to Northern Ireland] if the European
- ^{F92}(4) Commission or a competent authority in an EEA state ^{F94}... requests the Authority to provide it with a copy of a report or information on—
- (a) any inspection under paragraph 1 or 1A of records or documents,
 - (b) any inspection under paragraph 2 where the person to whom an application for authorisation relates also seeks a direction under section 24(4) authorising that person to import qualifying gametes or embryos into the United Kingdom from a third country, or
 - (c) any inspection under paragraph 3 of premises to which a licence held by an importing licensee relates or which are relevant third party premises in relation to an importing licensee.

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- (5) The Authority must give a copy of the report or information to the person requesting it, unless the Authority considers that it would be inappropriate to do so in the particular circumstances of the case.]

Textual Amendments

- F92** Sch. 3B para. 9(4)(5) inserted (6.3.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/334\)](#), [regs. 1\(3\), 5\(12\)](#)
- F93** Words in Sch. 3B para. 9(4) inserted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(19\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), [regs. 1, 18](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F94** Words in Sch. 3B para. 9(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/482](#), [reg. 2\(19\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (as substituted by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1307\)](#), [regs. 1, 18](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Enforcement

- 10 A person who—
- (a) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement under paragraph 1(1) or 8(3), or
 - (b) intentionally obstructs the exercise of any right under this Schedule,
- is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Interpretation

- 11 In this Schedule—
- (a) “duly authorised person”, in the context of any provision, means a person authorised by the Authority to act for the purposes of that provision, and
 - (b) “licensed activity”, in relation to a licence, means the activity which the licence authorises to be carried on.]

SCHEDULE 4

Section 49.

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Commencement Information

- I13** Schedule 4 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

Family Law Reform Act 1969 (c. 46.)

- 1 In section 25 of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 (interpretation), at the end of the definition of “excluded” there is added “ to section 27 of the ^{M5}Family Law Reform Act 1987 and to sections 27 to 29 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”.

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Commencement Information

I14 Schedule 4 para. 1 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), **art. 2(2)**

Marginal Citations

M5 [1987 c. 42](#).

Social Security Act 1975 (c. 14.)

F95₂

Textual Amendments

F95 Sch. 4 para. 2 repealed (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1992 \(c. 6\)](#), ss. 3, 7(2), **Sch.1** (subject as mentioned (6.3.1992) in [Local Government Finance Act 1992 \(c. 14\)](#), **s. 118(5) (7)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))).

Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (c. 15.)

F96₃

Textual Amendments

F96 Sch. 4 para. 3 repealed (1.7.1992) by [Social Security \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1992 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 3, 7(2), **Sch.1**.

Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36.)

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F97

Textual Amendments

F97 Sch. 4 para. 4 repealed (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), ss. 139, 148, **Sch. 5** (with [Sch. 4 paras. 6-8](#)); [S.I. 2005/2897](#), **art. 2(b)**

Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S. I. 1977/1250 (N. I. 17))

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In Article 13 of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (interpretation), at the end of the definition of “excluded” there is added “ and to sections 27 to 29 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ”.

Commencement Information

I15 Schedule 4 para. 5 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), **art. 2(2)**

Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 28.)

F98₆

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Textual Amendments

F98 Sch. 4 para. 6 repealed (15.7.2011) by [The Adoption and Children \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1740\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 Pt. 3](#)

Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S. I. 1987/2203 (N. I. 22))

7 In Article 15 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (adoption by one person), in paragraph (3)(a) (conditions for making an adoption order on the application of one parent), after “found” there is inserted “ or, by virtue of section 28 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, there is no other parent ”.

Commencement Information

I16 Schedule 4 para. 7 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400](#), art. 2(2)

Human Organ Transplants Act 1989 (c. 31.)

8 **F99**

Textual Amendments

F99 Sch. 4 para. 8 repealed (1.9.2006) by [Human Tissue Act 2004 \(c. 30\)](#), ss. 57, 60, [Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2006/1997](#), art. 3(2) (subject to arts. 4, 7, 8) (as that S.I. is amended by [S.I. 2006/2169](#), art. 2)

Human Organ Transplants (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2408 (N.I. 21))

9 **F100**

Textual Amendments

F100 Sch. 4 para. 9 repealed (1.9.2006) by [Human Tissue Act 2004 \(c. 30\)](#), ss. 57, 60, [Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2006/1997](#), art. 3(2) (subject to arts. 4, 7, 8) (as that S.I. is amended by [S.I. 2006/2169](#), art. 2)

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