



Human Tissue Act 2004

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PART 2

REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HUMAN TISSUE

The Human Tissue Authority

14 Remit

- (1) The following are the activities within the remit of the Authority—
- (a) the removal from a human body, for use for a scheduled purpose, of any relevant material of which the body consists or which it contains;
 - (b) the use, for a scheduled purpose, of—
 - (i) the body of a deceased person, or
 - (ii) relevant material which has come from a human body;
 - (c) the storage of an anatomical specimen or former anatomical specimen;
 - (d) the storage (in any case not falling within paragraph (c)) of—
 - (i) the body of a deceased person, or
 - (ii) relevant material which has come from a human body,for use for a scheduled purpose;
 - (e) the import or export of—
 - (i) the body of a deceased person, or
 - (ii) relevant material which has come from a human body,for use for a scheduled purpose;
 - (f) the disposal of the body of a deceased person which has been—
 - (i) imported for use,
 - (ii) stored for use, or
 - (iii) used,for a scheduled purpose;
 - (g) the disposal of relevant material which—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (i) has been removed from a person’s body for the purposes of his medical treatment,
 - (ii) has been removed from the body of a deceased person for the purposes of an anatomical, or post-mortem, examination,
 - (iii) has been removed from a human body (otherwise than as mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii)) for use for a scheduled purpose,
 - (iv) has come from a human body and been imported for use for a scheduled purpose, or
 - (v) has come from the body of a deceased person which has been imported for use for a scheduled purpose.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1)(a) and (b), the activities within the remit of the Authority include, in particular—
- (a) the carrying-out of an anatomical examination, and
 - (b) the making of a post-mortem examination.
- (3) An activity is excluded from the remit of the Authority if—
- (a) it relates to the body of a person who died before the day on which this section comes into force or to material which has come from the body of such a person, and
 - (b) at least one hundred years have elapsed since the date of the person’s death.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order amend this section for the purpose of adding to the activities within the remit of the Authority.
- (5) In this section, “relevant material”, in relation to use for the scheduled purpose of transplantation, does not include blood or anything derived from blood.