

*These notes refer to the Human Tissue Act 2004 (c.30)
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2004*

HUMAN TISSUE ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 - Regulation of Activities Involving Human Tissue

Anatomy

Section 31: Possession of former anatomical specimens away from licensed premises

47. This section makes it an offence for a person to have a former anatomical specimen in his possession away from licensed storage premises. As under the preceding section, exceptions are provided for possession authorised by a designated individual for authorised purposes, for possession for the purposes of transport to licensed premises or premises where the former specimen is to be used for the purpose of education, training or research. There are also exceptions where the person has possession for the purposes of decent disposal or where he has possession for the purposes of functions of, or under, the authority of a coroner.