



Human Tissue Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 30

PART 2

REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HUMAN TISSUE

Exceptions

39 Criminal justice purposes

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), nothing in section 14(1) or 16(2) applies to anything done for purposes related to—
 - (a) the prevention or detection of crime, or
 - (b) the conduct of a prosecution.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not except from section 14(1) or 16(2) the carrying-out of a post-mortem examination for purposes of functions of a coroner.
- (3) The reference in subsection (2) to the carrying-out of a post-mortem examination does not include the removal of relevant material from the body of a deceased person, or from a part of the body of a deceased person, at the first place where the body or part is situated to be attended by a constable.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), detecting crime shall be taken to include—
 - (a) establishing by whom, for what purpose, by what means and generally in what circumstances any crime was committed, and
 - (b) the apprehension of the person by whom any crime was committed;and the reference in subsection (1)(a) to the detection of crime includes any detection outside the United Kingdom of any crime or suspected crime.
- (5) In subsection (1)(b), the reference to a prosecution includes a prosecution brought in respect of any crime in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.
- (6) In this section, references to crime include a reference to any conduct which—

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- (a) constitutes one or more criminal offences (whether under the law of a part of the United Kingdom or of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom),
- (b) is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in any one part of the United Kingdom, would constitute one or more criminal offences, or
- (c) constitutes one or more offences of a kind triable by court-martial under the Army Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 18), the Air Force Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 19) or the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53).

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