



# Human Tissue Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 30

### PART 3

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *General*

#### 53 “Relevant material”

- (1) In this Act, “relevant material” means material, other than gametes, which consists of or includes human cells.
- (2) In this Act, references to relevant material from a human body do not include—
  - (a) embryos outside the human body, or
  - (b) hair and nail from the body of a living person.

#### **Commencement Information**

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| <b>I1</b> | S. 53 in force at 1.4.2005 for specified purposes by S.I. 2005/919, art. 3, <b>Sch.</b> (with art. 2)                 |
| <b>I2</b> | S. 53 in force at 20.10.2005 for specified purposes by S.I. 2005/2792, <b>art. 2(2)(j)</b>                            |
| <b>I3</b> | S. 53 in force at 1.3.2006 for specified purposes by S.I. 2006/404, art. 2(3)(4), <b>Sch.</b> (with arts. 4-6)        |
| <b>I4</b> | S. 53 in force at 7.4.2006 for specified purposes by S.I. 2006/404, art. 3(3), <b>Sch.</b> (with arts. 4-6)           |
| <b>I5</b> | S. 53 in force at 31.7.2006 for specified purposes by S.I. 2006/1997, art. 2, <b>Sch.</b> (with art. 4)               |
| <b>I6</b> | S. 53 in force at 1.9.2006 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2006/1997, <b>art. 3(2)</b> (with arts. 4, 7, 8) |

**Changes to legislation:**

Human Tissue Act 2004, Section 53 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 29(7) inserted by [2013 anaw 5 s. 15\(4\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 43(5A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 50](#)