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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 188**

**HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY**

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology  
(Research Purposes) Regulations 2001

*Made* - - - - 24th January 2001  
*Coming into force* - - 31st January 2001

Whereas a draft of these Regulations has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:  
Now therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 45 of and paragraph 3(2) and (3) of Schedule 2 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990(1), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on 31st January 2001.

(2) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990.

**Further purposes for which research licences may be authorised**

2.—(1) The Authority may issue a licence for research under paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Act for any of the purposes specified in the following paragraph.

(2) A licence may be issued for the purposes of—

- (a) increasing knowledge about the development of embryos;
- (b) increasing knowledge about serious disease, or
- (c) enabling any such knowledge to be applied in developing treatments for serious disease.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

24th January 2001

*Yvette Cooper*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for  
Public Health,  
Department of Health

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations specify additional purposes for which the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority may grant licences for research involving embryos under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990.

The purposes are those of increasing knowledge about the development of embryos, or about serious disease, and enabling such knowledge to be applied.