



# Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 22

### PART 1

#### AMENDMENTS OF THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY ACT 1990

##### *Grant, revocation and suspension of licences*

#### **20 Power to suspend licence**

After section 19B (inserted by section 19 above) insert—

##### **“19C Power to suspend licence**

- (1) Where the Authority—
  - (a) has reasonable grounds to suspect that there are grounds for revoking a licence, and
  - (b) is of the opinion that the licence should immediately be suspended, it may by notice suspend the licence for such period not exceeding three months as may be specified in the notice.
- (2) The Authority may continue suspension under subsection (1) by giving a further notice under that subsection.
- (3) Notice under subsection (1) shall be given to the person responsible or where the person responsible has died or appears to be unable because of incapacity to discharge the duty under section 17—
  - (a) to the holder of the licence, or
  - (b) to some other person to whom the licence applies.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), a licence shall be of no effect while a notice under subsection (1) is in force.

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- (5) An application may be made under section 18(1) or section 18A(1) or (2) even though a notice under subsection (1) is in force.”

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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. 55(3)(e) and word inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 75\(b\)](#)