



# Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 22

### PART 2

#### PARENTHOOD IN CASES INVOLVING ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

##### *Meaning of “mother”*

#### **33**    **Meaning of “mother”**

- (1) The woman who is carrying or has carried a child as a result of the placing in her of an embryo or of sperm and eggs, and no other woman, is to be treated as the mother of the child.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any child to the extent that the child is treated by virtue of adoption as not being the woman’s child.
- (3) Subsection (1) applies whether the woman was in the United Kingdom or elsewhere at the time of the placing in her of the embryo or the sperm and eggs.