

**DIRECTIONS GIVEN UNDER  
THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY ACT 1990**

**Bringing into force the Code of Practice (second revision)**

Ref. D. 1995/1

These Directions are:	GENERAL DIRECTIONS
Section of Act providing for these Directions:	Section 26(5)
These Directions come into force on:	18 December 1995
These Directions remain in force:	Until revoked

Code of Practice

1. These Directions revoke Directions Ref. D. 1993/1.
2. The second revision of the Code of Practice provided for under Section 25 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 shall come into force on 18 December 1995.

Date 15 December 1995

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Ruth Deech  
Chairman

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 25(6) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 provides as follows:

"A failure on the part of any person to observe any provision of the code shall not of itself render the person liable to any proceedings, but –

a. a licence committee shall, in considering whether there has been any failure to comply with any conditions of a licence and, in particular, conditions requiring anything to be "proper" or "suitable", take account of any relevant provision of the code, and

b. a licence committee may, in considering, where it has power to do so, whether or not to vary or revoke a licence, take into account any observance of or failure to observe the provisions of the code."