

**L.N. 160 of 2025**

**Human Reproductive Technology (Licensing)  
(Amendment) Regulation 2025**

(Made by the Council on Human Reproductive Technology under section 45(2) of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 December 2025.

**2. Human Reproductive Technology (Licensing) Regulation amended**

The Human Reproductive Technology (Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 561 sub. leg. A) is amended as set out in section 3.

**3. Section 15 amended (specific conditions relating to storage)**

(1) Section 15(1)(d), English text—

**Repeal**

“shall”

**Substitute**

“must”.

(2) Section 15(1)(e)(i)—

**Repeal**

“a gamete or embryo shall”

**Substitute**

“a gamete or embryo donated under an anonymous donation or designated donation must”.

(3) Section 15(1)(e)—

**Repeal subparagraph (ii)**

Section 3

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**Substitute**

“(ii) the gamete or embryo must, on the expiry of that period, be disposed of or donated in accordance with the terms of the consent form in respect of the gamete or embryo; and”.

(4) Section 15(1)(f), English text—

**Repeal**

“shall”

**Substitute**

“must”.

(5) Section 15(2), English text—

**Repeal**

“shall”

**Substitute**

“must”.

(6) Section 15(2), Chinese text—

**Repeal**

“儲存在持牌處所的為期”

**Substitute**

“在持牌處所的儲存期”.

(7) Section 15(2)—

**Repeal paragraph (b).**

(8) Section 15(2)—

**Repeal paragraph (c)**

**Substitute**

“(c) in the case of a designated donation—2 years, except as otherwise provided by the code.”.

(9) Section 15(2)—

**Repeal paragraph (d).**

(10) Section 15(4) and (5), English text—

**Repeal**

“shall”

**Substitute**

“must”.

(11) After section 15(5)—

**Add**

“(6) In this section—

***consent form*** (同意書), in relation to a gamete or embryo,  
means the consent form that—

(a) is required by the code to be signed by the  
donor or recipient, or both, (as the case  
requires) of the gamete or embryo; and

(b) is so signed;

***designated donation*** (指定捐贈) means the donation of any  
gamete or embryo by a donor to a recipient  
designated by the donor in the circumstances  
permitted under the code.”.

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Regulation amends the Human Reproductive Technology (Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 561 sub. leg. A), primarily to remove—

- (a) the maximum storage period of gametes and embryos of a person for use in reproductive technology procedures to be provided to that person; and
- (b) the maximum storage period of gametes and embryos that is applicable to patients who may be rendered infertile as a result of medical treatment.