

Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Chapter 561) and its regulations come into effect

1 August 2007

It is announced that the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Chapter 561) (the Ordinance), except section 33(4)(a), comes into full effect today (1 August 2007) together with the Human Reproductive Technology (Licensing) Regulation and the Human Reproductive Technology (Fees) Regulation.

Reproductive technology service providers and embryo researchers are required by law to apply to the Council on Human Reproductive Technology (the Council) on or before 31 January 2008 for a licence to carry on relevant activities as defined in the Ordinance in their premises.

As a transitional measure, any person who is currently carrying on a relevant activity is required to submit a notice in writing to the Council by 31 August 2007 stating –

- (i) his name and address for service; and
- (ii) the address of the premises at which that the relevant activity is being carried on.

Details of the application procedures have been uploaded to the Council's website at <http://www.chrt.org.hk>.