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Dear Colleague,

The Human Tissue Authority (HTA), the regulator of human tissue and organs in the UK, has provided guidance on [regulatory changes](#).

The HTA confirm that after the EU Exit Transition period ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 establishments in Northern Ireland that receive human tissue or cells from Great Britain for human application will [require a HTA import licence to carry out this activity](#).

The HTA indicate that the change may affect,

- Dental practices,
- Private hospitals,
- Orthopaedic practices, and
- Cosmetic practices,

We would be grateful if you could please cascade this message.

Yours sincerely

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