From the Transplantation Act of 2005:

Chapter 2

Recovery of cells, tissues or organs from human cadavers

Article 4

- 1. It is allowed to recover cells, tissues and organs from human cadavers for diagnostic, therapeutic, research or didactic purposes.
- 2. It is allowed to recover cells, tissues or organs also during postmortem examinations that are being performed on the basis of separate regulations.

Article 5

- 1. If a deceased person did not express objection, when alive, it is allowed to recover cells, tissues, or organs from such person human cadaver for transplantation purposes.
- 2. A legal representative of a living minor or other person, which don't has a full legal capacity, may state an objection for such individual.
- 3. Minors above 16 years old may state an objection themselves.
- 4. The regulations of paragraph 1-3 shall not be observed in case of recovery of cells, tissues and organs performed in order to diagnose a cause of death and assess a treatment management during postmortem examinations.

Article 6

- 1. These objections shall be stated in the form of:
- 1) an registration of an objection to recover cells, tissues and organs from one's own human cadaver in the Central Objection Register;
- 2) a written statement with affixed one's own signature;
- 3) an oral statement made in the presence of at least two witnesses and confirmed by these witnesses in writing.
- 2. The regulations of paragraph 1 shall be observed too with regard to objections stated by legal representatives.
- 3. An objection stated by one legal representative or a person referred to In article 5, paragraph 3, shall be effective in relation to the other ones.
- 4. It is allowed to withdraw an objection at any time in the forms referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 7

1. With the purpose of registering, storing and rendering accessible an entry referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, item 1, and applications for cancelling an objection registration shall be established a central register of objections to recover cells, tissues and organs from one's own human cadavers, hereinafter named "Central Register of Objections".

- 2. A person concerned in an objection or a legal representative of such a person shall be immediately notified by registered mail about a made registration or registration cancellation in the Central Register of Objections.
- 3. In the Central Register of Objections shall be entered the following data about a person concerned in a objection:
- 1) name and surname;
- 2) date of birth and place of birth;
- 3) PESEL (state identification number) number, if relevant;
- 4) address and permanent residence;
- 5) date of drawing up an objection or its withdrawal and the place where this Has been done;
- 6) date of objection reception or date of reception of an application for objection cancellation.
- 4. In the circumstances referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, shall be entered also data stated in paragraph 3, item 1-3, about the legal representative in the

Central Register of Objections.

- 5. The data referred to in paragraph 3 and 4 shall be stored for a period of 5 years from the date of death of a person concerned in a objection and after this period shall be destroyed in a manner, which makes an identification of that person impossible.
- 6. The information about an objection registration in the Central Register of Objections shall be imparted immediately after receipt of an inquiry from a doctor who intends to perform a recovery or a person authorized by the doctor.

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- 7. The Central Register of Objections shall be managed by the "Poltransplant" Organization and Coordination Center for Transplantation Issues.
- 8. The minister competent to do with health matters in consultation with the Minister of Justice shall by means of a decree state the manner of running the Central Register of Objections and the manner of confirming a registration entry in this register, taking a possibility of running this register in electronic form into account.



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