India government allows import of frozen embryos

India has allowed the import of human embryos for artificial reproduction, opening up what is expected to be a huge segment of the medical tourism market.

The decision will allow foreign couples to bring in frozen human embryos and rent a surrogate womb in India for the baby to be born. The relaxed rules will also apply to other infertility-related treatment such as IVF.

The decision was announced through separate notifications by the Central Board of Excise and Customs and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade over the last one month. To ensure quality control, such imports will have to carry a no-objection certificate from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

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