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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 558**

**Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

**Part II**

**Requirements Applicable to Slaughterhouses and Knackers' Yards**

**Construction, equipment and maintenance of slaughterhouses and knackers' yards**

**8.** Schedule 2 shall have effect in relation to the construction, equipment and maintenance of slaughterhouses and knackers' yards.

**The slaughter of animals in slaughterhouses and knackers' yards**

**9.** Where any soliped, ruminant, pig, rabbit or bird is brought into a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard for slaughter, that animal shall be—

- (a) moved and lairaged in accordance with Schedule 3;
- (b) restrained in accordance with Schedule 4;
- (c) subject to regulation 22, stunned before slaughter in accordance with Parts I and II of Schedule 5; and
- (d) bled or pithed in accordance with Schedule 6.

**The killing of animals in slaughterhouses and knackers' yards**

**10.** Where any soliped, ruminant, pig, rabbit or bird is brought into a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard for killing, that animal shall be—

- (a) moved and lairaged in accordance with Schedule 3;
- (b) restrained in accordance with Schedule 4; and
- (c) subject to regulation 11, killed in accordance with Parts I and III of Schedule 5.

**The killing of pigs and birds by exposure to gas mixtures**

**11.** Schedule 7 shall have effect in relation to the killing of pigs and birds by exposure to gas mixtures.

**Additional provisions for the slaughter or killing of horses**

**12.** Without prejudice to regulations 9 and 10, Schedule 8 shall have effect in relation to the slaughter or killing of horses.