



Slaughterhouses Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 3

PART I

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Miscellaneous and supplemental

27 Local authorities for purposes of Part I.

In this Part of this Act “local authority” means—

- (a) as respects the City of London, the Common Council;
- (b) as respects any London borough, the council of the borough; ^{F1} . . .
- (c) as respects any district [^{F2}in England], the council of the district [^{F3}and
- (d) as respects any county or county borough in Wales, the council of the county or county borough.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 27(b) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6)(8), Sch. 16, para. 43(1), Sch. 18, (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, Sch. 2
- F2** Word inserted in s. 27(c) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), Sch. 16, para. 43(1)(with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, Sch. 2
- F3** S. 27(d) and the word preceding it added (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), Sch. 16, para. 43(1)(with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, Sch. 2

28 Port health authorities and joint boards.

Orders made by the Secretary of State—

- (a) . . . ^{F4}
- (b) under section 6 of that Act may constitute for the purposes of any such functions a united district and a joint board for that district;

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and any such order may be amended by the Secretary of State under section 9 of that Act.

Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 28 para. (a) repealed by [Public Health \(Control of Disease\) Act 1984 \(c. 22, SIF 100:1\)](#), s. 78, **Sch. 3**

^{F5}29 Protection for local government officers acting in good faith.

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Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 29 repealed (E.) (28.9.2005) by [Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2347\)](#), regs. 1, **54(1)(a)**; and also repealed (W.) (12.5.2006) by [Animal By-Products \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1293\)](#), regs. 1, **53(1)(a)**

30 Power of compulsory purchase of land.

- (1) A local authority may be authorised by the Minister to purchase land compulsorily for the purposes of this Part of this Act other than those of section 14 above; and for the purposes of this section “land” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Public Health Act 1936.
- (2) In relation to the compulsory purchase of land under this section, the [^{F6}Acquisition of Land Act 1981] shall apply . . . ^{F7}.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words substituted by [Acquisition of Land Act 1981 \(c. 67, SIF 28:1\)](#), s. 34, **Sch. 4 para. 1 Table**
- F7** Words repealed by [Acquisition of Land Act 1981 \(c. 67, SIF 28:1\)](#), s. 34, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1936 c. 49.

31 Local inquiries.

- (1) Where any Minister is authorised by this Part of this Act to determine any difference, to give any confirmation, to make any order, or otherwise to act under this Part of this Act, he may cause a local inquiry to be held.
- (2) Subsections (2) to (5) of section 250 of the ^{M2}Local Government Act 1972 shall apply in relation to a local inquiry held under subsection (1) above in any case where a Minister is authorised to determine any difference as they apply in relation to a local inquiry which a Minister causes to be held under subsection (1) of that section.

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M2 1972 c. 70.

32 Incorporation of certain provisions of Public Health Act 1936.

(1) The supplementary provisions of the ^{M3}Public Health Act 1936 mentioned in subsection (2) below shall be deemed to be incorporated, so far as applicable, in this Part of this Act; and in those provisions as so incorporated—

- (a) any reference to that Act shall be construed as a reference to this Part of this Act; and
- (b) any reference to the Minister within the meaning of that Act shall be construed as a reference to the Minister within the meaning of this Part of this Act.

(2) The provisions of the ^{M4}Public Health Act 1936 referred to in subsection (1) above are—

- ^{F8}
- section 283 (notices to be in writing; forms of notices etc.);
- section 284 (authentication of documents);
- section 285 (service of notices);
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- section 304 (judges and justices not to be disqualified by liability to rates);
- section 317 (power to repeal and alter local Acts by provisional orders);
- [^{F9}sections 322, 324, 325] (default powers in relation to functions of councils);
- and
- section 328 (powers of Act to be cumulative).

Textual Amendments

F8 Entries repealed by [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976 \(c. 57\), Sch. 2](#)

F9 Words substituted by virtue of [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976 \(c. 57\), Sch. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

M3 1936 c. 49.

M4 1936 c. 49.

^{F10}**33 Application to Crown.**

Textual Amendments

F10 [S. 33](#) repealed (E.) (28.9.2005) by [Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2347\)](#), regs. 1, [54\(1\)\(a\)](#); and also repealed (W.) (12.5.2006) by [Animal By-Products \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1293\)](#), regs. 1, [53\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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34 Interpretation of Part I.

In this Part of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“animal” does not include bird or fish;

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“council” includes a port health authority;

“district”, in relation to the local authority of a London borough or the City of London, and in relation to the officers of such an authority, means the borough or the City, as the case may be; [^{F12}and, in relation to—

(a) a local authority who are the council of a Welsh county or county borough, and

(b) the officers of such an authority,

means that county or county borough;]

“functions” includes powers and duties;

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“local authority” has the meaning assigned to it by section 27 above and, in relation to any premises or to an application in respect of any premises, means the local authority within whose district the premises are situated;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“officer” includes servant;

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“slaughterhouse” means a place for slaughtering animals whose flesh is intended for sale for human consumption, and includes any place available in connection therewith for the confinement of animals while awaiting slaughter there or for keeping, or subjecting to any treatment or process, products of the slaughtering of animals there.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in s. 34 repealed (E.) (28.9.2005) by [Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2347\)](#), regs. 1, **54(1)(a)**; and also repealed (W.) (12.5.2006) by [Animal By-Products \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1293\)](#), regs. 1, **53(1)(a)**

F12 In s. 34 in the definition of “district” words and sub-paragraphs (a)(b) added (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19, s. 66\(6\)](#), **Sch. 16, para. 43(2)**, (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); [S.I. 1996/396, art. 4](#), **Sch. 2**

F13 Definition of “district” in s. 34 repealed (11.9.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2235, art. 11](#), **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under Part I of this Act now exercisable by Minister and Secretary of State jointly: [S.I. 1978/272, art. 4\(1\)](#), **Sch. 2**

C2 S. 34: definition of slaughterhouse applied (25.9.1991) by [Agriculture and Forestry \(Financial Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 33, SIF 2:2\)](#), **ss. 2(11), 5(2)**.

35 Saving for port slaughterhouses and knackers' yards.

Nothing in this Part of this Act shall apply to any ^{F14}. . . knacker's yard forming part of an imported animals' wharf or landing place approved by the Minister under the [^{F15}Animal Health Act 1981] for the purpose of the landing of imported animals.

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Textual Amendments

- F14** Words in [s. 35](#) repealed (11.9.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2235](#), art. 11, [Sch.](#)
- F15** Words substituted by [Animal Health Act 1981](#) (c. 22, SIF 4:4), s. 96, [Sch. 5 para. 11\(b\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(3)(a) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(3)(b) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(5A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 158](#)