
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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.