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#### PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

# The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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## THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF KILLING REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2014

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