

SCHEDULE 3

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELIGIOUS RITES

PART 1

INTRODUCTORY

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—

- (a) “bovine animal” means an ox, bullock, cow, heifer, steer or calf;
- (b) “bird” means a turkey, domestic fowl, guinea-fowl, duck, goose or quail;
- (c) “slaughter in accordance with religious rites” means slaughter without the infliction of unnecessary suffering—
 - (i) by the Jewish method (Shechita) for the food of Jews by a Jew who is licensed by the Rabbinical Commission and holds a certificate for that purpose; or
 - (ii) by the Muslim method (Halal) for the food of Muslims by a Muslim who holds a certificate for that purpose.

General prohibition

2.—(1) No person may slaughter an animal in accordance with religious rites without prior stunning unless it is a sheep, goat, bovine animal or bird slaughtered in a slaughterhouse in accordance with this Schedule.

(2) Nothing in this Schedule applies to the slaughter of animals in accordance with religious rites which are stunned before slaughter, but in such cases an animal must be restrained and stunned in accordance with the EU Regulation and Schedule 1.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, PART 1.