



# Protection Of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1964

## 1964 CHAPTER 39

An Act to amend the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954. [10th June 1964]

### Annotations:

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)

### 1 Enlargement of classes of operations in which anaesthetics must be used.

(1) Schedule 1 to the <sup>M1</sup>Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 (which lists operations which may be performed without an anaesthetic) shall be amended as follows.

(2) ..... <sup>F1</sup>

(3) For paragraph 6 (castration of horses, asses or mules, bulls, sheep, goats and pigs below certain ages) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“6 The castration of a male animal specified in the following table before it has reached the age so specified, that is to say—

6A The foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the castration of an animal by using a rubber ring or other device to constrict the flow of blood to the scrotum unless the device is applied within the first week of life.”

(4) Paragraphs 7 and 8 (minor operations which are customarily performed without an anaesthetic) shall not in any circumstances permit—

(a) the castration of a male animal (but without prejudice to the circumstances in which castration is permitted by paragraph 6 of the Schedule as set out in subsection (3) of this section);

---

*Changes to legislation:* There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Protection Of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1964. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

---

- (b) the de-horning of cattle;
- (c) the dis-budding of calves, except by means of chemical cauterisation applied within the first week of life; or
- (d) the docking of lambs' tails by using a rubber ring or other device to constrict the flow of blood to the tail, unless the device is applied within the first week of life.

(5) In this section “cattle” means bulls, cows, bullocks, heifers, calves, steers or oxen.

**Annotations:**

**Amendments (Textual)**

**F1** S. 1(2) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\)](#), **Sch. Pt. XI**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C2** The text of S. 1(3) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1954 c. 46.

**2 Short title, citation, extent and commencement.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1964, and—
- (a) this Act and the Protection of Animals Acts 1911 to 1962 may be cited together as the Protection of Animals Acts 1911 to 1964; and
  - (b) this Act and the Protection of Animals (Scotland) Acts 1912 to 1962 may be cited together as the Protection of Animals (Scotland) Acts 1912 to 1964.
- (2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.
- (3) This Act shall come into operation at the expiration of the period of two months beginning with the date on which it is passed.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Protection Of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1964. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

- Act repealed by [2006 c. 45 Sch. 4](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Protection Of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1964:**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2007/499 art. 2](#) commences ([2006 c. 45](#))
- [S.I. 2007/1030 art. 2](#) commences ([2006 c. 45](#))