



Firearms Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 27

PART I

PROVISIONS AS TO POSSESSION, HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION; PREVENTION OF CRIME AND MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

Special exemptions from sections 1 to 5

10 Slaughter of animals.

- (1) [^{F1}]^{F2}A person holding a relevant licence may,] without holding a certificate under this Act,] have in his possession a slaughtering instrument and ammunition therefor in any slaughterhouse or knacker's yard in which he is employed.

[^{F3}(1A) ^{F4}.....].

- [^{F5}(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1), a person holds a relevant licence if that person—
- (a) holds a certificate of competence or licence to kill animals under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015,
 - (b) holds a certificate of competence or licence to kill animals under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Wales) Regulations 2014, or
 - (c) holds a certificate of competence to kill animals under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Scotland) Regulations 2012.]

- (2) The proprietor of a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard or a person appointed by him to take charge of slaughtering instruments and ammunition therefor for the purpose of storing them in safe custody at that slaughterhouse or knacker's yard may, without holding a certificate, have in his possession a slaughtering instrument or ammunition therefor for that purpose.

- [^{F6}(3) In subsection (1), a “relevant certificate of competence or licence” means—
- (a) a certificate of competence or licence to kill animals under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations 2014;

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- (b) a certificate of competence or licence to kill animals under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Wales) Regulations 2014; or
- (c) a certificate of competence to kill animals under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Scotland) Regulations 2012.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(1) substituted (20.5.2014) by [The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1240\)](#), reg. 1(4), **Sch. 6 para. 1(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 10(1) substituted (5.11.2015) by [The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing \(England\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1782\)](#), reg. 1(4), **Sch. 6 para. 1(2)**
- F3** S. 10(1A) inserted (W.) (5.9.2014) by [The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2124\)](#), regs. 1(c), **2(1)(b)**
- F4** S. 10(1A) omitted (5.11.2015) by virtue of [The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing \(England\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1782\)](#), reg. 1(4), **Sch. 6 para. 1(3)**
- F5** S. 10(1B) inserted (5.11.2015) by [The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing \(England\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1782\)](#), reg. 1(4), **Sch. 6 para. 1(4)**
- F6** S. 10(3) inserted (20.5.2014) by [The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1240\)](#), reg. 1(4), **Sch. 6 para. 1(2)(b)**

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