



# Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 34

### PART I

#### WELFARE OF LIVESTOCK

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

- C1** Certain functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under Pt. I now exercisable (W.) by Secretary of State or Minister and Secretary of State jointly: [S. I. 1978/272](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)  
Pt. I (ss. 1-8): transfer of functions (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), art. 2, [Sch 1](#)

#### <sup>F1F2</sup>**1 Prevention of unnecessary pain and distress for livestock.**

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#### <sup>F1F2</sup>**2 Regulations with respect to the welfare of livestock.**

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- C2 S. 2: power to transfer functions conferred (27.12.1999) by S.I. 1999/3141, arts. 2(1)(5), 3, [Sch.](#)
- C3 S. 2: Certain functions transferred (27.3.2002) by [The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food \(Dissolution\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2000/794\)](#), [art. 3\(6\)](#) (with art. 6)

F1F23 Codes of recommendations for the welfare of livestock.

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- C4 S. 3: power to transfer functions conferred (27.12.1999) by S.I. 1999/3141, arts. 2(1)(5), 3, [Sch.](#)
- C5 S. 3: Certain functions transferred (27.3.2002) by [The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food \(Dissolution\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/794\)](#), [art. 3\(6\)](#) (with art. 6)

[F24 Expenditure on free advice on the welfare of livestock.

Without prejudice to the generality of his powers to incur expenditure under the enactments relating to the eradication and prevention of diseases of animals, the Minister may, with the approval of the Treasury, spend such sums as he thinks fit on the giving of advice, free of charge to persons concerned with livestock on matters relating to the welfare of livestock.]

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**[<sup>F2</sup>5    Extension of classes of operations in which anaesthetics must be used.**

The Ministers may, after consultation with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and with such persons appearing to the Ministers to represent any other interests concerned as the Ministers consider appropriate, by order provide that paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the <sup>M1</sup>Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 (which exempt certain minor operations from the requirement to use anaesthetics imposed by that Act) shall not permit the performance, either in any circumstances or in such circumstances as may be specified in the order, of such operations as may be so specified.]

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**C6**    S. 5: power to transfer functions conferred (27.12.1999) by [S.I. 1999/3141](#) arts. 2(1)(5), 3, Sch.  
**C7**    S. 5: Certain functions transferred (27.3.2002) by [The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food \(Dissolution\) Order 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/794), **art. 3(6)** (with art. 6)

**Marginal Citations**

**M1**    1954 c. 46.

**<sup>F1F2</sup>6    Powers of entry, etc.**

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**<sup>F1F2</sup>7    Punishment of offences under Part I.**

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<sup>F2</sup><sup>F1</sup>**8 Interpretation etc. of Part I.**

- (1) In this Part of this Act—  
“agricultural land” means land used for agriculture (within the meaning of the <sup>M2</sup>Agriculture Act 1947 or, in Scotland, the <sup>M3</sup>Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948) which is so used for the purposes of a trade or business; and  
“livestock” means any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skin or fur or for use in the farming of land or for such purpose as the Minister may by order specify.
- (2) . . . . .
- (3) This Part of this Act applies to officers and servants of the Crown, and references to land in this Part of this Act include references to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or the Duchy of Lancaster, land belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall and land held on behalf of Her Majesty for the purposes of any Government department; and in relation to any such land occupied by or on behalf of Her Majesty or the Duchy of Cornwall section 6 of this Act shall have effect as if subsection (2) were omitted.
- (4) . . . . .
- (5) . . . . .]

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- C8** S. 8(1) (definition of “livestock”) extended by [S. I. 1980/593](#), **art. 2**

**Marginal Citations**

- M2** 1947 c. 48.  
**M3** 1948 c. 45.

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