



Slaughterhouses Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 3

PART I

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Restriction of private slaughterhouses

14 Restriction of slaughterhouses only by agreement.

[^{F1}(1)] Nothing in, or in any instrument made under, any local Act shall make unlawful, or subject any person to any penalty by reason of, the use of any premises as a slaughterhouse or the slaughter of animals on any premises at a time when a slaughterhouse licence is in force in respect of the premises; but, with a view to reducing the number of slaughterhouses, a local authority may—

- (a) acquire by agreement any premises in their district which are used as a slaughterhouse and discontinue the use of the premises for that purpose;
- (b) agree with the person interested in any premises in the district which are used as a slaughterhouse for the discontinuance of slaughtering on those premises.

[^{F2}(2) In this section, “slaughterhouse licence” means a licence issued under regulations made by virtue of section 19(1)(b) of the Food Safety Act 1990 for the use of any premises as a slaughterhouse]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 14 renumbered as 14(1) (11.9.1996) by S. I. 1996/2235, art. 5(3)
F2 S. 14(2) inserted (11.9.1996) by S. I. 1996/2235, art. 5(3)

Changes to legislation:

Slaughterhouses Act 1974, Cross Heading: Restriction of private slaughterhouses is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 October 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(3)(a) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(3)(b) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(5A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 158](#)