



# Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 13

### 22 Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“animal” means any description of cattle, sheep, goat, swine or horse;

“constable” has the same meaning as in the [<sup>F1</sup>Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012];

“enactment” includes an enactment contained in a local Act and any order, regulation or other instrument having effect by virtue of an Act;

“grant”, in relation to a licence, includes renew or, as the case may be, renewal;

“horse” includes ass and mule;

[<sup>F2</sup> “ knacker’s yard ” means any premises used in connection with the business of slaughtering, flaying or cutting up animals the flesh of which is not intended for human consumption; and “ knacker ” means a person whose business it is to carry out such slaughtering, flaying or cutting up ]

“local authority” means [<sup>F3</sup>a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994];

“premises”, except in section 6, means a building or any part thereof and any forecourts, yards and places of storage used in connection therewith; and in section 6 [<sup>F4</sup>extends to any facilities for moving animals and any stall, pen, covered area or field used by the knacker’s yard in order to confine an animal until it is killed or to give it any necessary attention before it is killed];

<sup>F5</sup>[<sup>F6</sup> “ slaughterhouse ” means a place for slaughtering animals, the flesh of which is intended [<sup>F7</sup> for sale ] for human consumption, and includes any place available in connection with such a place for the confinement of animals while awaiting slaughter there or keeping , or subjecting to any treatment or process, products of the slaughtering of animals there; and “ slaughterman ” means a person whose business it is to carry out such slaughtering ]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 22 substituted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012](#) (asp 8), s. 129(2), [Sch. 7 para. 4](#); [S.S.I. 2013/51](#), [art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.S.I. 2013/121](#))
- F2** Definition substituted by [Food Safety Act 1990](#) (c. 16, SIF 53:1, 2), s. 59(1), [Sch. 3 para. 24\(a\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 22 substituted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39](#), s. 180(1), [Sch. 13](#), para. 117(with s. 128(8))
- F4** Words in s. 22 substituted (1.10.2009) by [Public Health etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2008](#) (Commencement No. 2, Savings and Consequential Provisions) Order 2009 (S.S.I. 2009/319), art. 2, [Sch. 2 para. 3\(c\)](#)
- F5** In s. 22: definition of "slaughterhouse" applied (25.9.1991) by [Agriculture and Forestry \(Financial Provisions\) Act 1991](#) (c. 33, SIF 2:2), [ss. 2\(11\)](#), 5(2)
- F6** Definition substituted by [Food Safety Act 1990](#) (c. 16, SIF 53:1, 2), s. 59(1), [Sch. 3 para. 24\(b\)](#)
- F7** Words in s. 22 inserted (11.09.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2235](#), [art. 8](#)

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