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### SCHEDULES

### F1 SCHEDULE 1

Sections 2, 6, 7, 10, 15(1) and 18(3)

### APPROPRIATE METHODS OF HUMANE KILLING

### **Textual Amendments**

- Sch. 1 substituted (E.W.S.) (1.3.1997) and (N.I.) (9.6.1997) by S.I. 1996/3278, art. 2, Sch.; S.R. 1997/226, art. 2, Sch.
- Subject to paragraph 2 below, the methods of humane killing listed in Tables A and B below are appropriate for the animals listed in the corresponding entries in those tables only if the process of killing is completed by one of the methods listed in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) below:
  - (a) confirmation of permanent cessation of the circulation
  - (b) destruction of the brain
  - (c) dislocation of the neck
  - (d) exsanguination
  - (e) confirming the onset of rigor mortis
  - (f) instantaneous destruction of the body in a macerator.
- Paragraph 1 above does not apply in those cases where Table A specifies one of the methods listed in that paragraph as an appropriate method of humane killing.

### **Textual Amendments**

F3 Sch. 1 para. 2: Sch. 1 substituted (E.W.S.) (1.3.1997) and (N.I.) (9.6.1997) by S.I. 1996/3278, art. 2, Sch.; S.R. 1997/226, art. 2, Sch.

### Table A

F4	Animals for which appropriate
[A. Methods for animals other than foetal, larval and embryonic forms	
1.Overdose of an anaesthetic using a route and an anaesthetic agent appropriate for the size and species of animal.	All animals
2.Exposure to carbon dioxide gas in a rising concentration.	Rodents, Rabbits and Birds up to 1.5 kg
3.Dislocation of the neck.	Rodents up to 500g Rabbits up to 1 kg Birds up to 3 kg

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4. Concussion of the brain by striking the cranium.

Rodents and Rabbits up to 1 kg Birds up to 250g Amphibians and reptiles (with destruction of the brain before the return of consciousness) up to 1 kg Fishes (with destruction of the brain before the return of consciousness)

- 5. One of the recognised methods of slaughter set out below which is appropriate to the animal and is performed by a registered veterinary surgeon, or, in the case of the methods described in paragraph (ii) below, performed by the holder of a current licence granted under the F5Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995.
- (i)Destruction of the brain by free bullet, or
- (ii)captive bolt, percussion or electrical stunning followed by destruction of the brain or exsanguination before return of consciousness.

**Ungulates** 

### Table B

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B. Methods for foetal, larval and embryonic forms

1.Overdose of an anaesthetic using a route and anaesthetic agent appropriate for the size, stage of development and species of animal.

2.Refrigeration, or disruption of membranes, or maceration in apparatus approved under appropriate slaughter legislation, or exposure to carbon dioxide in near 100% concentration until they are dead.

3. Cooling of foetuses followed by immersion in cold tissue fixative.

4. Decapitation.

### Animals for which appropriate

All animals

Birds Reptiles

Mice, Rats and Rabbits

Mammals and Birds up to 50g.]

### **Textual Amendments**

F6 Sch. 1 Table B: Sch. 1 substituted (E.W.S.) (1.3.1997) and (N.I.) (9.6.1997) by S.I. 1996/3278, art. 2, Sch.; S.R. 1997/226, art. 2, Sch.

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### SCHEDULE 2

Sections 7 and 10.

## ANIMALS TO BE OBTAINED ONLY FROM DESIGNATED BREEDING OR SUPPLYING ESTABLISHMENTS

Mouse

Rat

Guinea-pig

Hamster

Rabbit

Dog

Cat

Primate

[F7Any bird of the species Coturnix coturnix (quail).]

### **Textual Amendments**

F7 Words in Sch. 2 added (1.10.1993) by S.I. 1993/2103, art. 4; (and for N.I. (15.11.1993) by S.R. 1993/407, art. 2(2)

# [F8SCHEDULE 2A Section 10(2A). ARTICLE 8 OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE No.86/609/EEC Textual Amendments F8 Sch. 2A inserted (5.9.1998) by S.I. 1998/1974, reg. 2, Sch. para. 6

### SCHEDULE 3

Section 27(2).

### CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

In section 1(3) of the MI Protection of Animals Act 1911 for the words "the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

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### **Marginal Citations**

M1 1911 c. 27.

In section 1(3) of the <sup>M2</sup>Protection of Animals (Scotland) Act 1912 for the words "the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

### **Marginal Citations**

M2 1912 c. 14.

In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the M3Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 for the words "Any experiment duly authorised under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "Any procedure duly authorised under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

### **Marginal Citations**

**M3** 1954 c. 46.

In section 12 of the M4Pests Act 1954 for the words "any experiment duly authorised under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "any procedure duly authorised under the Animals (Scoentific Procedures) Act 1986".

### **Marginal Citations**

**M4** 1954 c. 68.

In section 19(4)(a) of the M5Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 for the words "any experiment duly authorised under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "any procedure duly authorised under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

### **Marginal Citations**

M5 1966 c. 36.

In section 1(2A)(b) of the M6Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 for the words "an experiment in respect of which restrictions are imposed by the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876, being an experiment performed subject to any restrictions so imposed" there shall be substituted the words "a procedure duly authorised under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

### **Marginal Citations**

M6 1967 c. 24.

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In section 1(2) of the M7Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 for the words "the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

# Marginal Citations M7 1968 c. 34.

In sections 1(2) and 15(a) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the M8Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 for the words "the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876" there shall be substituted the words "the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

Marg	inal Citations	
M8	1972 c. 7 (N.I.).	

<sup>F13</sup>9 ......

### **Textual Amendments**

F13 Sch. 3 para. 9 repealed (E.W.S.) (16.10.1992) by Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (c.51), s. 15(2)(3), Sch.

In section 5(4) of the M9Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 for the words "registered pursuant to the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 for the purpose of performing experiments" there shall be substituted the words "which is a designated establishment within the meaning of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986".

Marginal Citations
M9 1976 c. 38.

### **SCHEDULE 4**

Section 27(4).

### TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

### **Extent Information**

E3 In its application to Northern Ireland, this Schedule has effect subject to the modifications set out in s. 29, see s. 29(1)

### Existing licences

Any licence which immediately before the coming into force of section 3 of this Act is in force under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (in this Schedule referred to

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as "the previous Act") shall until such date as it would have expired under that Act be treated for the purposes of this Act as if it were a personal licence.

### Current experiments

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, any experiment or series of experiments which is lawfully in progress under the previous Act immediately before the coming into force of section 3 of this Act shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as authorised by a project licence.
  - (2) The Secretary of State may direct that sub-paragraph (1) above shall cease to have effect on such date as he may specify; and different dates may be specified in relation to different cases.

### Existing certificates

A person shall not by virtue of paragraphs 1 or 2 above be entitled to do anything which would have been unlawful under the previous Act without such a certificate as is mentioned in paragraph (2) or (3) of the proviso to section 3 of that Act or in section 5 of that Act unless immediately before the coming into force of section 3 of this Act he holds the appropriate certificate under that Act.

### Registered premises

4 Until such date as the Secretary of State may direct there shall be treated as a designated scientific procedure establishment for the purposes of this Act any place registered under the previous Act or approved by the Secretary of State.

### **Inspectors**

Any person who at the coming into force of section 18 of this Act holds office as an inspector under the previous Act shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as an inspector appointed under that section.

### **Status:**

Point in time view as at 09/06/1997.

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