



Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

1972 CHAPTER 7

PART I

WELFARE OF LIVESTOCK ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

1 Prevention of unnecessary pain and distress for livestock.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), any person who causes unnecessary pain or unnecessary distress to any livestock for the time being situated on agricultural land and under his control or permits any such livestock to suffer any such pain or distress of which he knows or may reasonably be expected to know shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to any act lawfully done under^[F1] the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986] or to any act done by or under the direction of any person in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the Ministry for the purpose of enabling that person to undertake scientific research.

F1 [1986 c.14](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 1.