



Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

1972 CHAPTER 7

PART III

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

15 Exceptions to sections 13 and 14.

Nothing in section 13 or 14 shall—

- (a) render illegal any act lawfully done under^[F1] the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986]; or
- (b) apply to any act done in the course of, or in the preparation for, the destruction of any animal as food for human consumption unless unnecessary suffering is caused to the animal; or
- (c) apply to the coursing or hunting of any animal, other than a domestic animal, which is released for that purpose and which is not under control unless—
 - (i) the animal is released in an injured, mutilated or exhausted condition; or
 - (ii) the animal is coursed or hunted in an enclosed space from which it has no reasonable chance of escape; or
- (d) apply to any act done in the course of the hunting, pursuit, coursing, capture, destruction or attempted destruction of any wild animal unless unnecessary suffering is caused to the animal.

F1 1986 c.14

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 15.