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SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 3

SHEEP: REQUIREMENTS WHEN CARRYING OUT CERTAIN PERMITTED PROCEDURES

When carried out on a sheep, a procedure listed below must be carried out in accordance with the condition or conditions specified for that procedure.

1. Castration

When the method used is the application of a rubber ring or other device to constrict the flow of blood to the scrotum, the procedure may only be carried out on an animal aged not more than 7 days.

When any other method is used, an anaesthetic must be administered where the animal is aged 3 months or over.

2. Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive

The procedure may not be carried out on a farmed animal.

The procedure may only be carried out as part of a conservation breeding programme.

3. Vasectomy

An anaesthetic must be administered.

4. **Dehorning**

An anaesthetic must be administered.

5. Tail docking

In all cases, enough of the tail must be retained to cover the vulva of a female animal or the anus of a male animal.

When the method used is the application of a rubber ring or other device to constrict the flow of blood to the tail, the procedure may only be carried out on an animal aged not more than 7 days.

When any other method is used an anaesthetic must be administered.