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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### FIREARM CERTIFICATES – EXEMPTIONS

##### *Slaughter of animals*

3.—(1) A person [<sup>F1</sup>who is the holder of a certificate of competence to slaughter animals] may, without holding a firearm certificate, have in his possession a slaughtering instrument in any slaughterhouse in which he is employed.

(2) The proprietor of a slaughterhouse or a person appointed by him to take charge of slaughtering instruments for the purpose of storing them in safe custody at that slaughterhouse may, without holding a firearm certificate, have in his possession a slaughtering instrument for that purpose.

(3) In this paragraph—

[<sup>F2</sup>“certificate of competence to slaughter animals” means a certificate of competence issued in respect of an operation specified in regulation 6 of the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014;]

“slaughterhouse” includes a knacker’s yard; and

“slaughtering instrument” includes ammunition for a slaughtering instrument.

**F1** Words in Sch. 1 para. 3(1) substituted (21.5.2014) by The Welfare of Animals at the [Time of Killing Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/107\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6 para. 1(3)(a)**

**F2** Words in Sch. 1 para. 3(3) substituted (21.5.2014) by The Welfare of Animals at the [Time of Killing Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/107\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6 para. 1(3)(b)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 6(3A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(2\)](#)
- art. 6A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(3\)](#)
- art. 11(1A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(4\)](#)