Regulation 3

Bovine animals

Procedure	Purpose
Freeze branding	Identification
Tattooing	Identification
Ear tagging	Identification
Micro chipping	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a non-farmed bovine	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Nose ringing	Handler safety or herd welfare
Dehorning	Handler safety or herd welfare
Disbudding	Handler safety or herd welfare
Supernumerary teat removal	Animal health

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3

Pigs

Procedure	Purpose
Tattooing	Identification
Ear tagging	Identification
Ear notching	Identification
Micro chipping	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a non-farmed pig	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Tusk trimming	Handler safety or herd welfare

Procedure	Purpose
Docking of farmed pigs kept on agricultural land	Handler safety or herd welfare
Conditions—	
1) The procedure may only be performed—	
(a) where there is evidence that injuries to the tails of other pigs have occurred and where other measures to improve environmental conditions or management systems have been taken in order to prevent tail-biting; and	
(b) by the quick and complete severance of the part of the tail to be removed.	
2) Where pigs are older than 7 days of age the procedure must be performed under anaesthetic and additional prolonged analgesia and only by a veterinary surgeon.	
Uniform reduction of the corner teeth of farmed piglets kept on agricultural land aged 7 days or less by grinding or clipping to leave an intact smooth surface	Herd welfare
Condition—	
The procedure may only be performed where there is evidence of injuries to sows' teats or to other pigs' ears or tails and when other measures have been taken to prevent tail-biting and other vices have been exhausted.	
Nose ringing	General animal management
Condition—	
Nose rings must not be put in animals kept continuously in indoor husbandry systems.	
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management.

Procedure	Purpose
Conditions—	
1) Castration may only be performed by means other than the tearing of tissues.	
2) Where pigs are older than 7 days of age the procedure must be performed under anaesthetic and additional prolonged analgesia and only by a veterinary surgeon.	

Regulation 3

Birds

Procedure	Purpose
Micro chipping	Identification
Beak trimming of poultry	Flock welfare
Conditions—	
1) Beak trimming of poultry may only be performed to prevent feather pecking and cannibalism and, in relation to laying hens kept on holdings of 350 or more and meat chickens kept on holdings of 500 or more, when the animals are less than 10 days old.	
2) Beak trimming of laying hens kept on holdings of 350 or more may only be performed using the infra-red procedure.	
3) In an emergency, to control an outbreak of feather pecking or cannibalism in laying hens, conditions 1 and 2 do not apply.	
4) Beak trimming of meat chickens may only be carried out, after consultation with and on the advice of a veterinary surgeon, by qualified	

Procedure	Purpose
staff, and where other measures to prevent feather pecking and cannibalism are exhausted.	
De-snooding	General animal management
Cutting of the toes of poultry other than laying hens and meat chickens	General animal management
Dubbing of domestic fowl other than laying hens and meat chickens	General animal management
Pinioning of birds other than poultry	General animal management
Laparoscopy	General animal management
Castration, ovidectomy and vasectomy of a bird other than poultry	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a bird other than poultry	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Wing tagging	1) poultry in connection with breeding or testing for the presence of disease; or
	2) a bird other than poultry in connection with conservation or research
Web tagging	Identification of—
	1) poultry in connection with breeding or testing for the presence of disease; or
	2) a bird other than poultry in connection with conservation or research

Regulation 3

Sheep

Procedure	Purpose
Tattooing	Identification
Ear tagging	Identification

Procedure	Purpose
Ear notching	Identification
Micro chipping	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	
Condition—	
Surgical castration may only be carried out by a veterinary surgeon.	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Laparoscopic insemination	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a non-farmed sheep	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Dehorning	Handler safety or flock welfare
Disbudding	Handler safety or flock welfare
Docking of a farmed sheep kept on agricultural land	Animal health
Conditions—	
1) Docking of sheep over 3 months of age may only be carried out by a veterinary surgeon.	
2) Surgical docking may only be carried out by a veterinary surgeon.	

Regulation 3

Goats

Procedure	Purpose
Tattooing	Identification
Ear tagging	Identification
Ear notching	Identification

Procedure	Purpose
Micro chipping	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Laparoscopic insemination	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a non-farmed goat	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Dehorning	Handler safety or herd welfare
Disbudding	Handler safety or herd welfare

Regulation 3

Equine Animals

Procedure	Purpose
Freeze branding	Identification
Tattooing	Identification
Micro chipping	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 3

Deer

Procedure	Purpose
Tattooing	Identification

Procedure	Purpose
Ear tagging	Identification
Ear notching	Identification
Micro chipping	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a non-farmed deer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Removal of antlers	Handler safety or herd welfare

Regulation 3

Cats

Procedure	Purpose
Ear tipping of feral cats	Identification
Micro chipping	Identification
Tattooing	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Spaying	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive	Controlling reproduction or general animal management

SCHEDULE 9

Regulation 3

Dogs

Procedure	Purpose
Micro chipping	Identification
Tattooing	Identification

Procedure	Purpose
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Castration	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Spaying	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive	Controlling reproduction or general animal management
Amputation of dew claws	General animal management

Regulation 3

Fish

Procedure	Purpose
Chemical branding	Identification
Freeze branding	Identification
Passive integrated transponder tagging/micro chipping	Identification
Removal or perforation of parts of the fins, adipose fins or fin rays	Identification
Removal of fish scales	Age determination or stock management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive	Controlling reproduction or general animal management

SCHEDULE 11

Regulation 3

Reptiles

Procedure	Purpose
Micro chipping	Identification
Laparoscopy	General animal management
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive	Controlling reproduction or general animal management

Regulation 3

Any other kind of animal

Procedure	Purpose
Micro chipping	Identification
Tattooing	Identification
Vasectomy	Controlling reproduction
Castration	Controlling reproduction
Spaying	Controlling reproduction
Embryo and ovum transfer	Controlling reproduction
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive	Controlling reproduction or general animal management