



Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

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Preliminary

2 Regulated procedures

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, " a regulated procedure " for the purposes of this Act means any experimental or other scientific procedure applied to a protected animal which may have the effect of causing that animal pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm.
- (2) An experimental or other scientific procedure applied to an animal is also a regulated procedure if—
 - (a) it is part of a series or combination of such procedures (whether the same or different) applied to the same animal ; and
 - (b) the series or combination may have the effect mentioned in subsection (1) above ; and
 - (c) the animal is a protected animal throughout the series or combination or in the course of it attains the stage of its development when it becomes such an animal.
- (3) Anything done for the purpose of, or liable to result in, the birth or hatching of a protected animal is also a regulated procedure if it may as respects that animal have the effect mentioned in subsection (1) above.
- (4) In determining whether any procedure may have the effect mentioned in subsection (1) above the use of an anaesthetic or analgesic, decerebration and any other procedure for rendering an animal insentient shall be disregarded; and the administration of an anaesthetic or analgesic to a protected animal, or decerebration or any other such procedure applied to such an animal, for the purposes of any experimental or other scientific procedure shall itself be a regulated procedure.
- (5) The ringing, tagging or marking of an animal, or the application of any other humane procedure for the sole purpose of enabling an animal to be identified, is not a regulated procedure if it causes only momentary pain or distress and no lasting harm.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) The administration of any substance or article to an animal by way of a medicinal test on animals as defined in subsection (6) of section 32 of the Medicines Act 1968 is not a regulated procedure if the substance or article is administered in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of that section or of an order under section 35(8)(b) of that Act.
- (7) Killing a protected animal is a regulated procedure only if it is killed for experimental or other scientific use, the place where it is killed is a designated establishment and the method employed is not one appropriate to the animal under Schedule 1 to this Act.
- (8) In this section references to a scientific procedure do not include references to any recognised veterinary, agricultural or animal husbandry practice.
- (9) Schedule 1 to this Act may be amended by orders made by the Secretary of State.