

SCHEDULE 10

POST-MORTEM HEALTH INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND FARMED GAME PROCESSING FACILITIES

PART I

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. At every slaughterhouse and every farmed game processing facility, the carcase and offal and, where appropriate, the blood of each slaughtered animal intended for sale for human consumption shall be inspected without delay by an OVS or inspector acting under his supervision, and any such OVS or inspector shall have regard to—

- (a) the age and sex of the animal;
- (b) the state of nutrition of the animal;
- (c) any evidence of bruising or haemorrhage;
- (d) any local or general oedema;
- (e) the efficiency of bleeding;
- (f) any swelling, deformity or other abnormality of bones, joints, musculature or umbilicus;
- (g) any abnormality in consistency, colour, odour (such as pronounced sexual odours) and, where appropriate, taste;
- (h) the condition of the pleura and peritoneum;
- (i) any other evidence of abnormality.

2. The inspection shall include—

- (a) visual examination of the slaughtered animal and the organs belonging to it;
- (b) palpation of the organs referred to in Parts II to VII of this Schedule and, where considered necessary by an inspector or OVS, the uterus;
- (c) incisions of organs and lymph noted as specified in Parts II to VII of this Schedule; and
- (d) any additional incisions or examinations that an inspector or OVS considers necessary.