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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 3039**

**The Animals (Scientific Procedures)  
Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012**

**Manner in which protected animals are to be killed**

- 16.**—(1) Schedule 1(1) (appropriate methods of humane killing) is amended as follows.  
(2) Omit paragraph 2 and the words “Subject to paragraph 2 below,” in paragraph 1.  
(3) Immediately before Table A insert—

“**3.**—(1) A requirement in Table A for prior use of a sedative or anaesthetic—

- (a) is subject to sub-paragraph (2); and
- (b) is not to be read as prohibiting the prior use of sedative or anaesthetic in any cases where it is not required by that Table.

(2) Nothing in this Schedule requires or permits the prior use of sedative or anaesthetic where the distress likely to be caused by administering it is greater than the distress likely to be caused by using the appropriate method of killing without sedative or anaesthetic.

(4) In Table A—

- (a) in the second entry, for the words in the right hand column substitute “Birds and Rodents up to 1.5 kg (but not neonatal rodents)”;
- (b) in the left hand column of the third entry, after “neck” insert “(with the prior use of a sedative or anaesthetic in the case of rodents and rabbits over 150 g and birds over 250 g)”;
- (c) in the right hand column of the third entry, for “Birds up to 3 kg” substitute “Birds up to 1 kg”;
- (d) in the left hand column of the fifth entry, after “bullet,” in paragraph (i) insert “using appropriate rifles, guns and ammunition” and in paragraph (ii) omit “, percussion”.