

## SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 28

### KILLING ANIMALS OTHER THAN THOSE TO WHICH THE EU REGULATION APPLIES

#### **Interpretation**

**1.** In this Schedule—

- (a) “animal” means—
  - (i) reptiles and amphibians;
  - (ii) invertebrate animals; or
  - (iii) poultry, rabbits or hares killed elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse by their owner for the owner’s private domestic consumption; and
- (b) “killing”, “poultry”, “restraint” and “stunning” have the same meanings as in the EU Regulation.

#### **Scope**

**2.** Subject to paragraph 3, this Schedule applies to the killing of animals which are bred or kept for the production of meat, skin or other products.

#### **Exemptions**

**3.** This Schedule does not apply to animals which are killed—

- (a) during scientific experiments carried out under the supervision of the competent authority;
- (b) during hunting or recreational fishing activities; or
- (c) during sporting events.

#### **Humane killing**

**4.—(1)** No person engaged in the restraint, stunning or killing of an animal may—

- (a) cause any avoidable pain, distress or suffering to that animal; or
- (b) permit that animal to sustain any avoidable pain, distress or suffering.

**(2)** No person may engage in the restraint, stunning or killing of an animal unless that person has the knowledge and skill necessary to perform those operations humanely and efficiently.

#### **Poultry, rabbits or hares bled for private domestic consumption**

**5.** Poultry, rabbits or hares which are bled by their owner outside a slaughterhouse for the owner’s private domestic consumption must be—

- (a) stunned before bleeding in accordance with the methods and specific requirements in Chapters I and II of Annex I and, where appropriate, Part 5 of Schedule 2; and
- (b) bled after stunning without delay.