

SCHEDULE 1

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTERHOUSES

PART 5

Stunning and killing operations

Penetrative captive bolts

- 24.**—(1) No person may use a penetrative captive bolt device to stun an animal unless—
- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (3), the device is positioned and applied so as to ensure that the bolt enters the cerebral cortex; and
 - (b) the correct strength of cartridge or other propellant is used, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to produce an effective stun.
- (2) No person may shoot a bovine animal in the back of the head.
- (3) No person may shoot a sheep or goat in the back of the head, unless the presence of horns prevents use of the top or the front of the head, in which case it may be shot in the back of the head provided that—
- (a) the shot is placed immediately behind the base of the horns and aimed towards the mouth; and
 - (b) bleeding is commenced within 15 seconds of shooting or the sheep or goat is killed by another procedure within 15 seconds of shooting.
- (4) A person who uses a captive bolt device must check that the bolt is retracted to its full extent after each shot and if it is not so retracted must ensure that the device is not used again until it has been repaired.