
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 558

**Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Part III

Slaughter or Killing Elsewhere than in Slaughterhouses or Knackers' Yards

Application of Part III

13.—(1) This Part applies to the slaughter or killing of animals elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard.

(2) This Part does not apply in the case of any animal which has to be slaughtered or killed immediately for emergency reasons relating to the welfare of that animal.

The slaughter of animals elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard

14. Subject to regulations 16 and 17, where any soliped, ruminant, pig, rabbit or bird is slaughtered elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard, that animal shall be—

- (a) restrained in accordance with Schedule 4;
- (b) subject to regulation 22, stunned before slaughter in accordance with Parts I and II of Schedule 5; and
- (c) bled or pithed in accordance with Schedule 6.

The killing of animals elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard

15. Subject to regulations 16 to 19, where any soliped, ruminant, pig, rabbit or bird is killed elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard, that animal shall be killed in accordance with Parts I and III of Schedule 5.

The slaughter or killing of animals elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard for private consumption

16. Regulations 14 and 15 shall not apply in respect of any bird, rabbit, pig, sheep or goat which is slaughtered or killed by its owner for his private consumption, provided that—

- (a) regulation 4(1) is complied with; and
- (b) any such animal that is slaughtered is stunned before slaughter in accordance with Parts I and II of Schedule 5.

The slaughter or killing of animals for the purpose of disease control

17. The slaughter or killing of any animal for the purpose of disease control shall be in accordance with Schedule 9.

The killing of fox and mink which are farmed for their fur

18. The killing of any fox or mink which is farmed for its fur shall be in accordance with Schedule 10.

The killing of surplus chicks and embryos in hatchery waste

19. The killing of any surplus chicks which are less than 72 hours old and embryos in hatchery waste shall be as rapid as possible in accordance with Schedule 11.

Birds awaiting slaughter at place of purchase

20. The occupier or person in charge of any premises at which birds are offered or exposed for sale prior to being slaughtered there shall ensure that, on arrival at the premises, the birds are forthwith—

- (a) placed in accommodation in which they are able, without difficulty, to stand upright, turn round and stretch their wings; and
- (b) provided with a sufficient supply of wholesome food and clean drinking water.