



Slaughterhouses Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 3

PART I

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Miscellaneous and supplemental

34 Interpretation of Part I.

In this Part of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“animal” does not include bird or fish;

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“council” includes a port health authority;

“district”, in relation to the local authority of a London borough or the City of London, and in relation to the officers of such an authority, means the borough or the City, as the case may be; [^{F2}and, in relation to—

(a) a local authority who are the council of a Welsh county or county borough,
and

(b) the officers of such an authority,

means that county or county borough;]

“functions” includes powers and duties;

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“local authority” has the meaning assigned to it by section 27 above and, in relation to any premises or to an application in respect of any premises, means the local authority within whose district the premises are situated;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“officer” includes servant;

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“slaughterhouse” means a place for slaughtering animals whose flesh is intended for sale for human consumption, and includes any place available in connection therewith for the confinement of animals while awaiting slaughter there or for keeping, or subjecting to any treatment or process, products of the slaughtering of animals there.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 34 repealed (E.) (28.9.2005) by [Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2347\)](#), regs. 1, **54(1)(a)**; and also repealed (W.) (12.5.2006) by [Animal By-Products \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1293\)](#), regs. 1, **53(1)(a)**
- F2** In s. 34 in the definition of “district” words and sub-paragraphs (a)(b) added (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19, s. 66\(6\), Sch. 16, para. 43\(2\)](#), (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); [S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, Sch. 2](#)
- F3** Definition of “district” in s. 34 repealed (11.9.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2235, art. 11, Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under Part I of this Act now exercisable by Minister and Secretary of State jointly: [S.I. 1978/272, art. 4\(1\), Sch. 2](#)
- C2** S. 34: definition of slaughterhouse applied (25.9.1991) by [Agriculture and Forestry \(Financial Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 33, SIF 2:2\), ss. 2\(11\), 5\(2\)](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(3)(a) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(3)(b) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(5A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 158](#)