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- 3. Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2 above, no...
- 4. No person shall— (a) place, or cause or permit to...
- 5. No person shall tie, or cause or permit to be...
- 6. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, no person shall suspend,...
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- 8. No person shall use, or cause or permit to be...
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15. The quorum of the Commission shall be four.

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1. In section 10(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 (slaughter of...

Slaughterhouses Act 1974 (c. 3)

2. (1) In subsections (2)(c) and (3) of section 2 of...

Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 13)

3. (1) The Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980 shall be...

Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/539)

6. (1) In regulation 2 of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and...

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Explanatory Note