
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ANIMALS, ENGLAND

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

The Welfare of Animals at the Time
of Killing (England) Regulations 2015

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THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME
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Explanatory Note