

ANNEX IV

METHODS OF KILLING ANIMALS

1. In the process of killing animals, methods listed in the table below shall be used.

Methods other than those listed in the table may be used:

- (a) on unconscious animals, providing the animal does not regain consciousness before death;
- (b) on animals used in agricultural research, when the aim of the project requires that the animals are kept under similar conditions to those under which commercial farm animals are kept; these animals may be killed in accordance with the requirements laid down in Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing⁽¹⁾.

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- (1) [OJ L 303, 18.11.2009, p. 1.](#)