

Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER II

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

*Article 4*

**Stunning methods**

1 Animals shall only be killed after stunning in accordance with the methods and specific requirements related to the application of those methods set out in Annex I. The loss of consciousness and sensibility shall be maintained until the death of the animal.

The methods referred to in Annex I which do not result in instantaneous death (hereinafter referred to as simple stunning) shall be followed as quickly as possible by a procedure ensuring death such as bleeding, pithing, electrocution or prolonged exposure to anoxia.

2 <sup>F1</sup>The appropriate authority may, by regulations, amend] Annex I <sup>F2</sup>... to take account of scientific and technical progress <sup>F3</sup>....

Any such amendments shall ensure a level of animal welfare at least equivalent to that ensured by the existing methods.

<sup>F43</sup> The Appropriate Minister may publish from time to time guidelines concerning the methods set out in Annex 1.]

4 In the case of animals subject to particular methods of slaughter prescribed by religious rites, the requirements of paragraph 1 shall not apply provided that the slaughter takes place in a slaughterhouse.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Art. 4(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Animals (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/588), regs. 1, **9(4)(a)(i)** (with reg. 12); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in Art. 4(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Animals (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/588), regs. 1, **9(4)(a)(ii)** (with reg. 12); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in Art. 4(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Animals (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/588), regs. 1, **9(4)(a)(iii)** (with reg. 12); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Art. 4(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Animals (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/588), regs. 1, **9(4)(b)** (with reg. 12); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009, Article 4.