
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 203

**Welfare of Animals and Poultry at
Markets Order (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Additional duties of market authorities

17. A market authority shall ensure that—

- (a) all passageways and sale rings in the market and all pens in which animals or poultry are kept are—
 - (i) constructed and maintained in a manner which is not likely to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to animals or poultry; and
 - (ii) free from any sharp edges or projections with which animals or poultry may come into contact;
- (b) an adequate supply of wholesome water is available for animals or poultry;
- (c) adequate facilities in the form of troughs, buckets, drinking bowls or other drinking devices are available for watering animals or poultry;
- (d) any covered accommodation in the market in which animals or poultry are kept is capable of being adequately ventilated;
- (e) any animals or poultry which are kept overnight in a market are provided with an adequate quantity of suitable food, water and bedding; and
- (f) any fixed ramps used for the loading or unloading of horses into or out of vehicles have—
 - (i) anti-slip surfaces; and
 - (ii) side railings or some other means of protection designed and constructed so as to prevent a horse from falling off them.