

SCHEDULE 1

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND THE KILLING OF POULTRY, RABBITS OR HARES FOR DIRECT SUPPLY

Gas stunning of poultry

- 11.**—(1) No person may stun poultry by exposure to gas unless—
- (a) the gas stunner provided for that purpose, including any equipment used for conveying poultry through the gas mixture, is—
 - (i) designed, constructed and maintained so that once a bird enters the chamber it is conveyed to the point of maximum concentration of the gas mixture within a maximum period of 10 seconds;
 - (ii) equipped to maintain the required gas concentration (in accordance with Table 3 of Chapter I of Annex I) in the gas stunner; and
 - (iii) fitted with a means of visually monitoring the poultry;
 - (b) there is a means of flushing the gas stunner with atmospheric air with the minimum of delay;
 - (c) there is a means of access to the poultry with the minimum of delay; and
 - (d) birds are exposed to the gas mixture for long enough to ensure they are stunned;
- (2) No bird is allowed to enter the chamber if the displayed concentration of oxygen is above 2% by volume or the displayed concentration of carbon dioxide is above 30% by volume.
- (3) No bird is allowed to pass through or allowed to remain in the chamber at any time when the visible and audible warning signals have been activated or when there is any defect in the operation of the chamber.