
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Animals (Scientific Procedures)
Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012**

Neuromuscular blocking agents

17. For section 17 substitute—

“17 Neuromuscular blocking agents

(1) A person must not use a neuromuscular blocking agent in the course of a regulated procedure unless—

- (a) the person is expressly authorised to do so by the personal licence and the project licence under which the procedure is carried out; and
- (b) the agent is used in combination with such level of anaesthesia or analgesia as is determined in accordance with the project licence.

(2) The Secretary of State must not grant a project licence that authorises the use of a neuromuscular blocking agent unless the Secretary of State is satisfied, on the basis of a scientific justification, that the purposes of the programme of work specified in the licence cannot be achieved without the use of such an agent.”