



Slaughterhouses Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 3

PART I **E+W**

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Provision and management of public slaughterhouses

16 Management of public slaughterhouses. **E+W**

- (1) A local authority who have provided a public slaughterhouse—
- ^{F1}(a)
 - (b) may provide plant or apparatus for disposing of, treating or processing waste matters, refuse or by-products, resulting from the slaughter of animals in the slaughterhouse;
 - (c) may, if they think fit, employ persons to slaughter or stun, [^{F2}in accordance with the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 or the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Wales) Regulations 2014, horses] (including hinnies, asses and mules), cattle, sheep, swine or goats;
 - (d) subject to subsection (2) below, may make such arrangements as they think expedient for securing that all the activities of the slaughterhouse, or any particular activities, are carried on there by servants or agents of theirs to the exclusion of other persons.
- (2) A local authority shall not exercise the power conferred by subsection (1)(d) above in such a manner as to deny any religious community reasonable facilities for obtaining as food the flesh of animals slaughtered by the method specially required by their religion.
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- ^{F1}(4)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 16(1)(a)(3)(4) repealed (11.9.1996) by S. I. 1996/2235, arts. 3(2), 11, **Sch.**
- F2** Words in s. 16(1)(c) substituted (5.11.2015) by The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1782), reg. 1(4), **Sch. 6 para. 2**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 16(1)(a) excluded by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(3)(a) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(3)(b) excluded by SI 1975/1023 art. 4A(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2012/1957 art. 3](#)
- s. 4(5A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 158](#)