

SCHEDULE 7

KILLING PIGS AND BIRDS BY EXPOSURE TO GAS MIXTURES

PART II

THE KILLING OF PIGS BY EXPOSURE TO CARBON DIOXIDE

Construction of the chamber

4. The occupier of a slaughterhouse at which a chamber is used shall ensure that—
 - (a) the chamber and the equipment used for conveying any pig through the gas mixture are designed, constructed and maintained—
 - (i) so as to avoid injury to any pig;
 - (ii) so as to avoid compression of the chest of any pig;
 - (iii) so as to enable each pig to remain upright until it loses consciousness;
 - (iv) so as to enable the pigs to see each other as they are conveyed in the chamber; and
 - (v) so that once a pig enters the chamber, it is conveyed to the point in the chamber of maximum concentration of the gas mixture within a maximum period of 30 seconds;
 - (b) there is a means of visually monitoring pigs which are in the chamber;
 - (c) adequate lighting is provided in the conveying mechanism and the chamber to allow pigs to see other pigs or their surroundings;
 - (d) the installation has an apparatus which maintains the required concentration by volume of carbon dioxide in the gas mixture in the chamber;
 - (e) the chamber is fitted with devices which—
 - (i) measure the concentration by volume of carbon dioxide in the gas mixture at the point of maximum exposure;
 - (ii) when the chamber is in operation, continuously display the concentration by volume of carbon dioxide as a percentage of the gas mixture at the point of maximum concentration in the chamber; and
 - (iii) give clearly visible and audible warning signals if the concentration by volume of carbon dioxide falls below 70%;
 - (f) there is a means of flushing the chamber with atmospheric air with the minimum of delay; and
 - (g) there is a means of access to any pig with the minimum of delay.