

## SCHEDULE 7

### KILLING PIGS AND BIRDS BY EXPOSURE TO GAS MIXTURES

#### PART III

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##### **Construction of the chamber**

8. The occupier of a slaughterhouse at which a chamber is used shall ensure that—
  - (a) the chamber and the equipment used for conveying any bird through the gas mixture are designed, constructed and maintained—
    - (i) so as to avoid injury to any bird; and
    - (ii) so that once a bird enters into the chamber it is conveyed to the point in the chamber of maximum concentration of the gas mixture within a maximum period of 10 seconds;
  - (b) the installation has an apparatus which maintains the required concentration by volume of oxygen or carbon dioxide, as appropriate, in the chamber;
  - (c) the chamber is fitted with devices which—
    - (i) measure the concentration by volume of oxygen or carbon dioxide in the gas mixture, as appropriate, at the point of maximum concentration;
    - (ii) when the chamber is in operation, display continuously the concentration by volume of oxygen or carbon dioxide, as appropriate, as a percentage of the total gas mixture at the point of maximum concentration in the chamber; and
    - (iii) give clearly visible and audible warning signals—
      - (aa) where the gas mixture used is that mentioned at paragraph 7(2)(a) above, if the concentration by volume of oxygen rises above 5% for more than 30 seconds; and
      - (bb) where the gas mixture used is that mentioned at paragraph 7(2)(b) above, if the concentration by volume of carbon dioxide falls below 25% or rises above 30%.
  - (d) there is a means of visually monitoring birds which are in the chamber;
  - (e) there is a means of flushing the chamber with atmospheric air with the minimum delay; and
  - (f) there is a means of access to any bird in any part of the chamber with the minimum of delay.