

**2006 No. 1200**

**ANIMALS, ENGLAND**

**PREVENTION OF CRUELTY**

**The Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment)  
(England) Regulations 2006**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>28th April 2006</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>28th April 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>29th April 2006</i>

The Secretary of State has been designated<sup>(a)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(b)</sup> in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community.

She makes the following Regulations under the powers conferred by that section:

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 29 April 2006.

(3) These Regulations apply in relation to England only.

**Amendment of the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995**

2.—(1) Amend Schedule 9 to the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995<sup>(c)</sup> as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1, after the definition of “disease control”, insert—

“;

“ventilation shutdown” means the cessation of natural or mechanical ventilation of air in a building in which birds are housed with or without any action taken to raise the air temperature in the building”.

(3) After paragraph 2(g) insert—

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<sup>(a)</sup> S.I. 1972/1811.

<sup>(b)</sup> 1972 c.68.

<sup>(c)</sup> S.I. 1995/731; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2003/3272.

- (h) for birds, ventilation shutdown provided that no one enters the building in which birds are housed save for monitoring purposes until it is ascertained that all of the birds are dead”.

(4) After paragraph 5, insert—

**“Specific requirements for killing for the purpose of disease control by ventilation shutdown**

**6.—(1)** No person shall kill birds using ventilation shutdown except on the written authority of the Secretary of State who must be satisfied in the individual circumstances that any other method of killing listed in this Schedule is impracticable.

(2) No person shall cause or permit birds to be killed using ventilation shutdown unless under the direct supervision of an official of the Secretary of State.”.

*Ben Bradshaw*

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

28th April 2006

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of these Regulations)*

These Regulations, which apply in England only, amend the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/731). The 1995 Regulations give effect to Council Directive 93/119/EC on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter or killing (OJ No. L 340, 31.123, p.21).

These Regulations permit ventilation shutdown as a method of killing birds for the purpose of disease control.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

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