STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 66

WELFARE OF ANIMALS

Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - -	*19th February 2001*
Coming into operation	*30th March 2001*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 30th March 2001.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

2. In Schedule 11, paragraph 3, to the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**) for sub-paragraph (2)(*c*) there shall be substituted the following:

> "(c) a maximum of 30% carbon dioxide by volume and a minimum of 60% argon (or other inert gas) by volume in atmospheric air, with no more than 2% residual oxygen."

(**1**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 558 as amended by S.R. 2000 No. 76