



Humane Slaughter Association

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The Humane Slaughter Association publishes free animal welfare advice for small-scale and/or seasonal poultry producers and processors

In response to numerous enquiries from existing and prospective producers, the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has produced new, updated guidance aimed at small-scale and/or seasonal poultry producers and processors.

The guidance, [Technical Note 27](#), is available to download free of charge from the charity's website and is primarily aimed at producers and processors in the UK, but may also be useful to producers elsewhere.

HSA's Technical Director, Charlie Mason, said: *"This guidance highlights and explains the particular requirements applicable to those carrying out small-scale and seasonal slaughter, which is subject to animal welfare legislative requirements in a similar way to large-scale, commercial poultry producers and processors. However, in relation to welfare at the time of slaughter, the application of certain requirements, such as licensing, is dependent on the nature and scale of the operation."*

Small-scale and seasonal slaughter is also subject to regulations additional to those relating to animal welfare at slaughter. These include registration with the environmental health department of the relevant local authority, to ensure compliance with animal health, animal by-product licensing and collection and disposal requirements.

The HSA offers independent advice on animal welfare matters during transport, marketing and slaughter. If you require advice on a particular matter or would like to discuss something relevant to your facility, please contact the HSA office.

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Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk or visit www.hsa.org.uk

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