



## Media Release

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **On-line guides to stunning now available**

New on-line guides to 'Electrical stunning of red meat animals' and 'Captive-bolt stunning of livestock' have been produced by the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) and are now available for viewing and free download on the Association's website ([www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk)).

Primarily intended for the meat industry, the guides are updated versions of the guidance notes of the same titles in the HSA's print publications portfolio, and include video footage. Best practice in all aspects of the slaughter process is covered, from the physiology of stunning and the choice and use of electrical and captive-bolt equipment to bleeding methods.

The guides form part of a new series of publications that the HSA is making freely available on-line for use throughout the world, and join the recently published on-line guide to the practical slaughter of poultry for smallholders and small-scale producers. They can be accessed from the 'Training Packages' section of the Publications pages at [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk).

The HSA is an independent charity that promotes the highest standards of welfare for livestock during transport, at markets, slaughter and killing for disease control and welfare reasons. If you would like more information about the HSA's work, or are interested in becoming a member or supporting this work please visit [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk) or contact the HSA on 01582 831919, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk).

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Note to Editors:

As an independent registered charity, the HSA is unique in working exclusively to achieve the highest worldwide standards in food animal welfare at markets, during transport at slaughter, and killing for disease control and welfare reasons, through scientific and technical advances, education and training. 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.

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