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Humane Handling of Livestock **HSA publishes new Guidance Notes**

The Humane Slaughter Association – an independent charity that works through education, training, research and technical developments towards achieving high standards of welfare for food animals at markets, during transport and at slaughter – has published the latest in its series of Guidance Notes.

Humane Handling of Livestock, while applicable to on-farm movements, concentrates on the handling of animals in markets, during loading and unloading for transport and at slaughter – times when animals are potentially more vulnerable to stress and other welfare problems.

“Everyone involved with the handling of livestock has a legal and a moral responsibility for the well-being of animals in their care,” says HSA Technical Director Charles Mason. “All should be familiar with best practice, and the new publication provides comprehensive and practical guidance on this as applicable to markets, during transport and up to the point of slaughter.”

Humane Handling of Livestock is available at £5.00 per copy, including postage and packing, from the HSA office. The HSA produces a wide range of publications including Technical Notes, Best Practice Guidelines and Guidance Notes on topics of interest to those working with and caring for food animals, and a series of Fact Sheets for the general reader. A full list of HSA publications and training materials can be seen at www.hsa.org.uk, or contact the HSA for details. The Humane Slaughter Association, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831919, fax 01582 831414, email info@hsa.org.uk, web www.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 and at slaughter 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.

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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