

[Joint Announcement by the Agriculture Departments in England and Wales]

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FOR ISSUE AT 12.00

Mr. Fletcher
To be aware.

MINISTERS TO STUDY SLAUGHTER REPORT

The Rt Hon Michael Jopling, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, thanked the Farm Animal Welfare Council for its hard work in producing the Report on the Welfare of Livestock (Red Meat Animals) at the Time of Slaughter, which was published today. Mr Jopling said:

"I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work and diligent study which have gone into the preparation of the Farm Animal Welfare Council's Report on the welfare of red meat animals at the time of slaughter, which is published today.

"We shall of course study the report carefully and, in order that this work should proceed as quickly as possible, we have arranged for intensive consultations with interested parties."

Comments on the Report's recommendations should be forwarded to Mr O C Hockaday, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 11th Floor, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DX, to Mr N R Stewart, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, Chesser House, 500 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh EH11 3AW, or Mr D R Davies, Welsh Office Agriculture Department, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ, as appropriate.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The Farm Animal Welfare Council's Report, which is published today, is entitled "Report on the Welfare of Livestock (Red Meat Animals) at the Time of Slaughter" and is available through HM Stationery Office, price £4.95.
2. The Council was set up by the Government in July 1979 under the Chairmanship of Professor Sir R J Harrison, MD, DSc, FRS, to keep under review the welfare of farm animals on agricultural land, at markets, in transit and at the place of slaughter and to advise the Agriculture Ministers of any legislative or other changes that may be necessary. Its Report on the welfare of poultry at the time of slaughter was published in January 1982 (Press Notice No 18).
3. Press Notice FAWC 2/84, also issued today, refers.