



Unauthorised non schedule 1 method

Home Office Outcome: Letter of inspector advice

What happened?

Decapitation was performed under the belief that it was a Schedule 1 method. However, decapitation is not classified as a Schedule 1 method.



Why did we have to report it?

An unauthorised procedure was carried out under a PPL.



What did we do?

- Those involved were provided with a copy of Schedule 1 to review, and it was reinforced during the meeting the correct methods of schedule 1.
- Facility was reminded to ensure up to date copies of Schedule 1 taken from ASPA are on display in all rooms where schedule 1 killing is performed.
- It was reinforced with the PIL holders and NACWOs that it is their responsibility to check their authorities under ASPA, and the relevant PPL before performing any procedures.
- NACWO's were asked to complete the NACWO refresher course.
- Those involved are required to undertake full re-training and reassessment of competency for decapitation as a method of regulated killing.

SC PEL Standard Conditions

SC 15 - The licence holder shall nominate and be responsible for the performance of named persons, acceptable to the Secretary of State, as required by section 2C(5).

SC 20 - If this licence authorises the applying of regulated procedures to protected animals, the holder shall take all reasonable steps to prevent the performance of unauthorised procedures in the establishment.

SC PIL Standard Conditions

SC 19

The licence holder must take all reasonable steps to ensure appropriate personal and project licence authorities exist before performing regulated procedures. The licence holder must be aware of the nature of the authorities given by this licence and the project licence, and of the conditions of issue attached to the licences