

# **Position Statement of the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) on export of live animals by sea**

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The ACDP believes it is measure of society how it treats its most vulnerable - in this case our animals. Consequently, we take the protection of our animals very seriously, and believe that far more needs to be done in this regard as South Africa only scores an "E" on the World Animal Protection Index.

As many animal welfare organisations will be aware, the ACDP tabled the Animals Protection Amendment Bill in Parliament to ban the testing of cosmetics on animals in the country, working closely with Toni Brockhoven from Beauty Without Cruelty. Whilst the Bill was supported by more than 57 organisations, and we made a significant progress with it in the Agriculture, Land and Rural Development Portfolio Committee, it was sadly not supported by the ANC when it came to voting on the desirability of the Bill.

Regarding your specific questions:

- 1. The ACDP is against the cruel practice of live animal exports by sea.**
- 2. We would support a ban on live animal exports by sea.**

We have already shown our commitment to protect animals with our Animals Protection Amendment Bill and look forward to working with like-minded organisations to achieve the ban on live animal exports by sea.

Kind regards

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