

Position Statement of the Freedom Front Plus on export of live animals by sea

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Live animal export by sea, specifically exports are very important to the red meat industry and can open up a new market to livestock producers in SA. It is therefore that **we cannot be totally against live animal exports**, BUT the welfare of animals must be prioritised and must comply with very strict animal health protocols and good management. There must also be stringent capacity limits, and feed and water need to be in abundance.

To tap into foreign speciality markets is very important for the survival of red meat producers and this can be done through live exports. The number one priority should however always be animal welfare and health. The circumstances on ships are exacerbated by the fact that stringent animal protocols aren't met and processes are not well managed.

Please feel free to read our manifesto:

<https://www.vfplus.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/FF-Plus-Manifesto-2024-Digital.pdf>

Vriendelike groete / Kind regards

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