



Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee

POSITION STATEMENT

LIVE EXPORT OF ANIMALS BY SEA FOR SLAUGHTER AT DESTINATION

The live export of farmed animals by sea for slaughter entails inherent harms that undermine animal welfare. Given that the overall objective of the LWCC is to promote the responsible, humane and compassionate use and treatment of livestock in every phase of the production process, and noting that better welfare alternatives to live export exist, many of which entail significant domestic economic, employment and other benefits, the LWCC discourages the practice of shipping animals by sea for slaughter. Alternatives which can be to the benefit of animals, industry and broader society are needed.

The LWCC accepted the above position statement with a majority of votes at a meeting held on 14 November 2025.

As this was not a consensus decision it is important to note that the constitution of the LWCC does not prevent any organisation from expressing an opinion at variance from that of the LWCC, provided that it is made clear that that opinion is given in the organisations' own capacity, and not the LWCC.

Accepted and revised: 20 February 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerhard Schutte".

Gerhard Schutte
Chairman: LWCC

