

5. Do you agree that livestock and horse export journeys for slaughter and fattening are unnecessary? Please explain your views.

Yes. The UK, which prides itself on having some of the highest animal welfare regulations in the world, has a responsibility to ensure that those high standards are maintained for the whole of an animal's life. Our country cannot claim credit for minimising animal suffering if they are going to send their animals on gruelling journeys, during which they suffer exhaustion, injury, hunger, dehydration and heat stress, to countries with much lower, or non-existent, animal welfare rules. A modern, civilised country should show its farmed animals enough respect that they keep their journey to slaughter as quick and painless as possible.

In the twenty first century – a time when technology allows meat to be easily preserved for export - there is no need, absolutely no justification, for the brutality that is live export.

6. Do you agree that in order to prohibit livestock and horse export journeys for fattening where the animal will be slaughtered soon after arrival, these export journeys where animals are slaughtered within 6 months of arrival should be prohibited? Please explain your views.

My answer is the same as that to question 5. All live exports should be banned.

7. Do you agree that the only exceptions to prohibiting live export journeys should be for poultry live exports, and animals going for breeding or production that will not be slaughtered within 6 months of arrival? Please explain your views.

For the same reasons as my answer to question 5, no. No animal or bird should be subjected to the misery of live transport. None whatsoever. Not for any reason.

8. What would be the financial impact to your business or organisation of no longer being able to export livestock or horses for slaughter or fattening? Please explain any impacts provided.

"Although the tide of public opinion was turning against slavery, there were still many with powerful vested interests in its favour. In 1767, the captains of three Bristol slave ships who masterminded an attack on their African trade partners to control the price they had to pay for their cargo of enslaved Africans, were given a bonus by the city's slave-trading merchants."

- from blackhistorymonth.org.uk

Money shouldn't come into it. Animal slavery is as wrong as human slavery. End live exports because it is the right thing to do.

9. What alternatives would your business or organisation explore if it was not able to export livestock or horses for slaughter or fattening?

Where there's a will there's a way. It's no longer the dark ages. Do the right thing.

10. Do you agree with the proposed maximum journey times as outlined in Table 1? Please explain your views and highlight any potential regional impacts that your business or organisation might experience.

I see no reason why animals cannot be slaughtered at the slaughterhouse nearest to the farm in order to keep travel to an absolute minimum. The RSPCA states that journey times should not exceed those permitted under the RSPCA's species specific higher welfare standards and has shown the maximum journey times permitted under these standards to be commercially viable.

11. Do you see a need for any exceptions to the maximum journey times and, if so, why? Please provide evidence.

No. In humans there is no nutritional need for animal products of any kind, so eating them is done only for pleasure. Producing and selling them is done only for profit. Pleasure and profit provide no justification for increased and prolonged suffering of any kind. No exceptions. End live exports.

12. In the case of such exceptions, what requirements should be put in place to ensure animal welfare is protected?

N/A

13. What would be the financial impact to your business or organisation due to new maximum journey times being implemented? Please explain any impacts provided.

N/A

14. Including loading, unloading and stops, how long is your average journey for the livestock, poultry or horses that your business or organisation manage?

N/A

15. Do you agree that a new journey should not start until a minimum of 48 hours have elapsed after the previous journey? Please explain your views.

As previously stated and for the reasons stated, there should be no new journey. There should be no extended journeys of any kind.

16. Do you agree that there should be a minimum 7-day rest period for cattle? Please explain your views.

N/A

17. Do you agree that we should prohibit both short and long poultry journeys when the external temperature is outside of a temperature range of 5-25oC, unless the vehicle is able to regulate the internal temperature within this range for the duration of the journey by means of a thermo-regulation system, and that this temperature range should be 5-25oC? Please explain your views.

William Gladstone's views on slavery echoed that of his father who was one of the largest slave owners in the British West Indies, and on whom he was dependent for financial support. Gladstone opposed the slave trade the way it was but he wanted to improve the condition of the slaves rather than liberate them.

Similarly, discussion of improved conditions for exploited animals is done only to enable that exploitation to continue in a world where more and more people are questioning the need for animal agriculture. I therefore cannot answer this question.

18. What would be the financial impact to your business or organisation of prohibiting both short and long poultry journeys when the external temperature range is outside of 5-25oC? Please explain any impacts provided.

N/A

19. Do you agree that we should prohibit both short and long livestock and horse journeys when the external temperature is outside of a temperature range of 5-30oC, unless the vehicle is able to regulate the internal temperature within this range for the duration of the journey by means of a thermo-regulation system, and that this temperature range should be 5-30oC? Please explain your views.

N/A

20. What would be the financial impact to your business or organisation of prohibiting both short and long livestock and horse journeys when the external temperature range is outside of 5-30oC? Please explain any impacts provided.

N/A

21. Do you think that there are other species that should be considered as vulnerable and have a smaller external temperature range applied, outside of which journeys cannot take place? Please provide evidence.

All animals are vulnerable. All live exports should be banned.

22. What proportion of your current transportation vehicles have the facility to regulate temperature and provide ventilation?

N/A

23. For your vehicles which do not have the facility to regulate temperature and provide ventilation, what would be the cost of retrofitting to enable them to regulate temperature and provide ventilation?

N/A

24. Are there any other steps that can be taken to ensure animal welfare can be maintained in extreme weather? Please provide evidence.

A ban on all journeys in extreme weather.

25. Do you agree that we should use allometric principles as a basis for future space allowance calculations? Please explain your views.

N/A

26. Do you think that reforms to space allowances based on allometric principles should apply to both short and long journeys? Please explain your views.

N/A

27. Do you agree with the proposed species-specific headroom requirements? Please explain your views.

N/A

28. Do you think that the proposed species-specific headroom requirements should apply to both short and long journeys? Please explain your views.

N/A

29. What would be the financial impact to your business or organisation of the proposed headroom requirements for both short and long journeys? Please explain any impacts provided.

N/A

30. Do you agree that we should prevent animals from being transported in rough weather at sea and that animals should not be transported during Beaufort Wind Force 6 or above? Please explain your views.

Certainly. Animals should never be transported by sea.

31. What would be the financial impact to your business or organisation of prohibiting transport during Beaufort Wind Force of 6 or above? Please explain any impacts provided.

N/A

32. Do you think that there should be any exceptions to the previously mentioned proposals alongside the

specific exceptions already outlined, excluding the proposal to prohibit live exports for slaughter and fattening? Please provide evidence.

None. No exceptions. No live transport.

33. What conditions should be met in order to ensure animal welfare is protected in the case of other exceptions?

N/A

34. Do you think that it should be possible to obtain permission to use an exception on an ongoing basis to avoid the need for transporters to apply before every applicable journey? Please explain your views.

No. If it is made easy for transporters to sidestep the rules, animals will suffer. There should be no exceptions.