

Ending Live Animal Exports For Slaughter - amendment

In the first paragraph, delete “welcomes” and insert “notes” and insert after “transport” the words “and believes that the humane treatment of animals should be a priority for all in a modern society”.

In the second paragraph replace all after “welfare” with “and believes it is essential that our animal welfare standards are maintained or enhanced, including requiring that imported animal products are subject to at least as stringent standards as our domestic farmers are required to meet.”

Keep the two paragraphs published in the alteration already circulated **marked in blue** and replace all after these with the following paragraphs:

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The amended motion would read as follows:

This Council Meeting **notes** the Government’s proposed ban on live animal exports for slaughter and fattening and consultation on how to better protect animal welfare during transport **and believes that the humane treatment of animals should be a priority for all in a modern society.**

This Council Meeting recognises that the UK is a world leader on animal welfare **and believes it is essential that our animal welfare standards are maintained or enhanced, including requiring that imported animal products are subject to at least as stringent standards as our domestic farmers are required to meet.**

This Council notes the RSPCA statement "Animals are not objects. Much like us, sentient animals are aware of their feelings and emotions. Their lives matter to them and they have the same capacity to feel joy and pleasure, as well as pain and suffering".

This Council further notes that with a Sentience Bill currently in draft form, some progress towards recognising animal sentience has been made.

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