



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

# Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill

Implementation of the ban on live animal  
exports for slaughter or fattening



# Our aims

*The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill makes it an offence to export, or attempt to export, livestock or equines for slaughter or fattening, either from or through Great Britain.*

- Risk based approach
- Comprehensive and proportionate process accepted by industry to maximise compliance
- Focus on pre-export checks and regulation of trade
- Ensure protection of high risk groups

# Why are horses exported?

- Initial stakeholder engagement suggested high value performance/breeding
- Review of APHA data - over 95% of exported horses registered status
  - FEI and Weatherbys data would suggest @ 20% of these are being exported for International competition, racing or TB's breeding/sales

# Feedback from industry

Launch of survey to transporters and agents – closing 8<sup>th</sup> July

- Purpose of export
- Destination countries
- Export – permanent or temporary
  
- Evidence available to demonstrate purpose of export

To participate contact [aw-transport@defra.gov.uk](mailto:aw-transport@defra.gov.uk)

# Future transport regime

To date we have had workshops to discuss maximum journey times for day-old chicks, pigs, broilers and other poultry, and cattle and sheep.

- Journey times for equines -18<sup>th</sup> July
- Representatives from across equine sectors
- Paper to be circulated to attendees shortly
- Discuss the proposed maximum journey time of 12 hours
  - What exemptions need to be considered (shows, competition, racing)
  - Additional criteria that should apply to protect horses on longer journeys.
  - How the proposal may impact on journeys that go through equine markets.