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Animal Welfare in transport

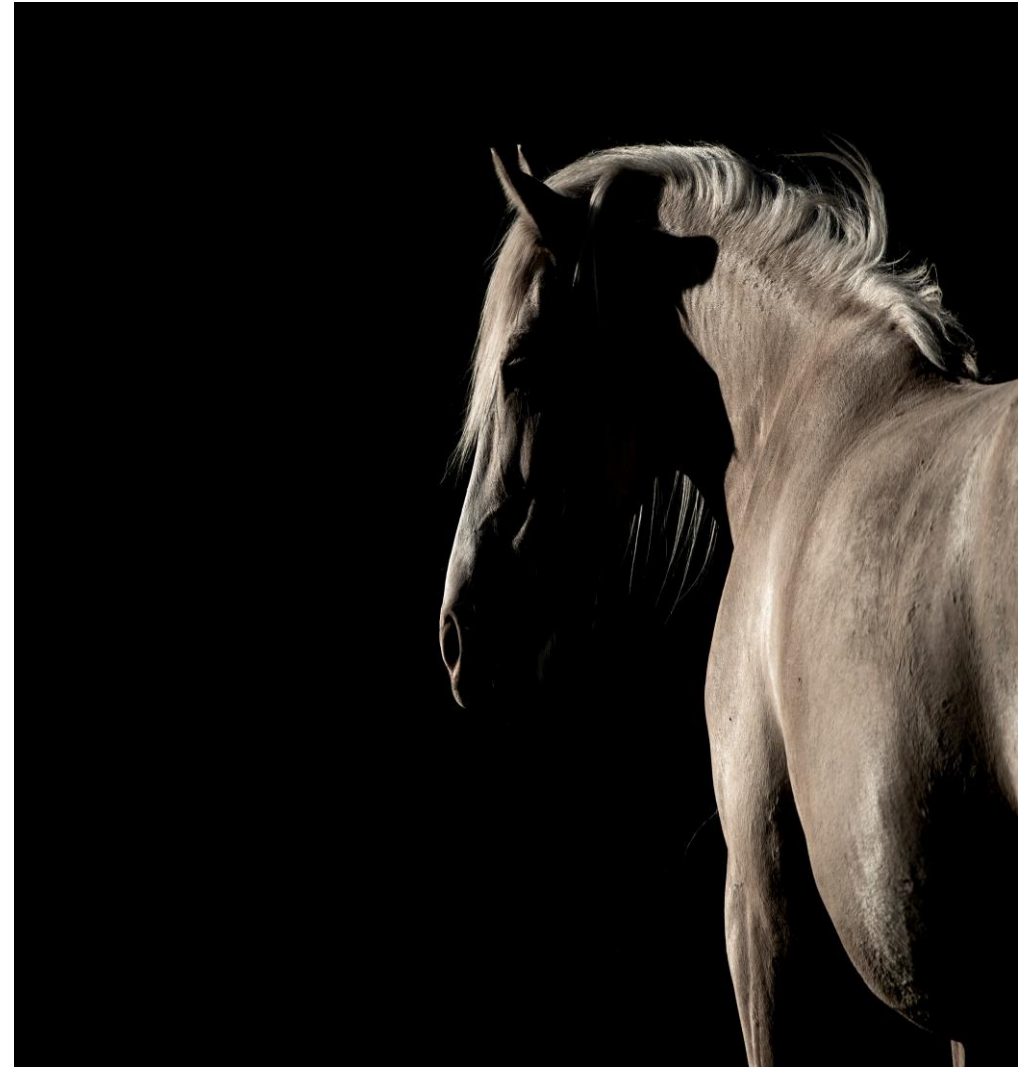
British Horse Council Summer Meeting 2023

30th June 2023



Live Export Ban Update

- The Government announced on 25 May 2023 that the measures in the Kept Animals Bill, such as live exports, will now be pursued individually.
- We remain fully committed to delivering our manifesto commitment to ban live exports for slaughter and fattening
- Single issue legislation is the surest and quickest way of doing this
- Further engagement with BHC to develop robust effective controls without creating burden for legitimate equine journeys



Transport Reforms Update

- Key areas for review – Journey times, temperature and headroom
- Work being taken forward at slower pace with further engagement
- Animal welfare is a devolved area. Defra works closely with Scottish and Welsh Government to ensure a consistent approach is applied across Great Britain
- We will continue to introduce and support legislative and non-legislative reforms where possible.



Improving Compliance

- The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2023 and The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2023 – CIF 6th April 2023
- Minor technical amendments to legislation relating to the official controls
- Journey log template - input to simplify the template and to streamline the approval process, ensuring it is comprehensive, accessible, and supported by clear guidance.
- Welfare in Transport dedicated page on Gov.UK – currently conducting user research



