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### **Live Animal Exports**

Thank you for contacting me about live animal exports.

I understand the strength of feeling about this issue and agree that we need to take action. While we are in the EU we are unable to do so because under European Union single market rules it is illegal to ban the export of animals to other EU countries; there are, instead, EU and UK laws to protect the welfare of live animals during transport.

While the UK negotiates our departure from the European Union, we will remain a member and will continue to exercise the rights and obligations that come with membership. However, as we leave the European Union, we can take early steps to control the export of live farm animals for slaughter, as stated in the Conservative Manifesto for the 2017 General Election.

I support this commitment and look forward to seeing progress on this important issue.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Craig Whittaker MP