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BSE: RELATED CONSULTATION ON LIFTING THE EXPORT BAN – LIVE EXPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

Animal Concern is opposed to the lifting of the ban on the export of live cattle to allow the transit of cattle from the Republic of Ireland through the UK for onward export.

We oppose this on the principal that when animals are killed for food animal welfare is best served if animals are slaughtered as close as possible to the farm they are raised on and then transported as chilled or frozen carcasses instead of living, sentient creatures.

As well as improving animal welfare such a system would limit the risk of the spread of animal disease, reduce road traffic levels as more animals can be transported per vehicle and benefit domestic farmers who would be selling a prepared product instead of a raw material to be processed and given added value at the end destination.

Attached is a completed and signed copy of your Respondee Information Form.

Yours sincerely,

John F. Robins,
Secretary to Animal Concern