

Live Animal Exports (Prohibition) Bill

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Prohibit the export of live farmed animals for slaughter or fattening; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Export of live farmed animals

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person exports to any country outside the United Kingdom a farmed animal for slaughter or fattening.
- (2) A person commits an offence if the person arranges or facilitates the export to any country outside the United Kingdom of a farmed animal for slaughter or fattening. 5
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to the export of a farmed animal from Northern Ireland to the Republic of Ireland provided that the animal—
- (a) was born in Northern Ireland, and
- (b) is to be slaughtered in the Republic of Ireland within six weeks of arrival in the Republic of Ireland. 10

2 Penalties

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under section 1 is liable on summary conviction—
- (a) in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both; 15
- (b) in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both;
- (c) in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.
- (2) In relation to an offence committed before section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, the reference in subsection (1)(a) to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to 6 months. 20

3 Interpretation

In this Act a “farmed animal” means an animal bred or kept for the production of food wool or skin.

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 5
- (2) This Act shall come into force on “exit day”, where “exit day” shall have the same meaning as in section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2017.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Live Animal Exports (Prohibition) Act 2017.

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