

# Agriculture Bill

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**Clause 17**

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST ALBANS  
BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

Page 14, line 32, at end insert –

- “( ) As part of the report, the Secretary of State must set out food security targets and specify any necessary actions required to ensure those targets are met.
- ( ) The Secretary of State must implement any necessary actions required to ensure the food security targets set out in the report are met.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment will require the Government to specify food security targets and implement actions to ensure that those targets are met.*

**After Clause 34**

BARONESS FOOKES  
BARONESS HODGSON OF ABINGER

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Restrictions on journey times for certain farmed animals**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person transports, or arranges or facilitates the transport of, a farmed animal for slaughter or fattening on a journey which begins anywhere in the United Kingdom and exceeds ten hours in duration.
- (2) A person commits an offence if the person transports, or arranges or facilitates the transport of, a farmed animal on a journey for slaughter or fattening which begins anywhere in the United Kingdom and exceeds ten kilometres within 28 days of that animal completing a previous journey that exceeded ten kilometres.
- (3) The portion of a journey commencing in England that continues in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or any country outside the United Kingdom shall be included in calculating whether a journey exceeds ten hours in duration under subsections (1) and (4).
- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply –

**After Clause 34 - continued**

- (a) if there is no slaughterhouse that slaughters animals of the species or type concerned that can be reached within a journey ten hours or less in duration from the farm where the journey starts; or
  - (b) if there is no farm that fattens animals of the species or type concerned that can be reached within a journey ten hours or less in duration from the farm where the journey starts.
- (5) Where subsection (4) applies, a person commits an offence if the person transports, or arranges or facilitates the transport of, a farmed animal from anywhere in the United Kingdom –
- (a) for slaughter to a slaughterhouse other than the nearest one to the farm where the journey started which slaughters animals of the species or type concerned; or
  - (b) for fattening to a farm other than the nearest one to the farm where the journey started which fattens animals of the species or type concerned.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument amend subsections (1) and (4) to reduce the figure of ten hours.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (6) may establish different maximum permitted journey times for different species or ages of animals.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (6) may (among other things) have regard to any increase in the number of local slaughterhouses.
- (9) Regulations under subsection (6) are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.
- (10) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1), (2) or (5) is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both.
- (11) In relation to an offence committed before section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, subsection (10) has effect as if for “51 weeks” there were substituted “6 months”.
- (12) This section extends to England and Wales.
- (13) This section comes into force on 1 January 2023.
- (14) From 1 January 2026, subsections (1), (3), (4) and (6) have effect as if for “ten hours” there were substituted “eight hours”.

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This Clause aims to encourage the slaughter of animals as near as possible to the farm of production and the fattening of animals as near as is reasonably practical to the farm on which they were born.*

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