

Kent Action Against Live Exports (KAALE)

"I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell."

President Harry S Truman

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This PR is longer than those we usually distribute.

There are many reasons for this, which we trust will become clearer in the following sheets.

In a High Court ruling (London) on Tuesday 16th October, Thanet District Council (TDC) in Kent was informed that it had to allow, once again, the live transport of animals from its port of Ramsgate. This re-commencement of the live animal trade is completely against the wishes of the Council, who have openly declared in writing that adequate facilities do not exist at the port to deal with any live animal trade; be it the trade in the past or that of the future. This view of the Council is fully supported by animal welfare organisations including the RSPCA, KAALE, TALE and CIWF.

This declaration was recently submitted by TDC in a letter to Defra Secretary of State, Minister Owen Patterson MP.

Further to the High Court ruling of 16th October, we (KAALE) have now been informed by parties directly involved in the court case in London, that PRIOR to the court hearing deciding the future of Ramsgate port for live animal exports, a letter was sent to the alleged 'impartial judge' who would be making the decision on Ramsgate as a suitable facility. It appears that this letter was sent by AHVLA – the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency - which is an agency of Defra, the government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, headed by Owen Patterson MP.

This letter sent in advance of the judgement allegedly informed the judge that facilities at Ramsgate were suitable for the re-commencement of the live animal trade; an issue which is still thoroughly disputed by Thanet District Council and ALL animal welfare organisations involved with monitoring animal transport from Kent ports to mainland Europe.

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It appears that this same letter had a very major influence on the ‘impartial’ judge involved with the case, and it is widely suspected now that his decision on the resumption of the live animal export trade from Ramsgate port was made almost entirely on the single, advanced (of the case) letter provided by AHVLA.

Any judge in a case such as this is supposed to be completely impartial; reviewing the evidence submitted by both parties involved in the case only at the time of the hearing. We feel that the letter allegedly provided by AHVLA to the judge in advance of the court hearing had a very major, if not total, influence on his decision to let Ramsgate operations recommence. Influenced to the point where he refused to even consider issues raised by animal welfare organisations in court regarding evidence associated with the resumption of the live animal trade from Ramsgate.

Therefore, the basis of this KAALE PR is simply to provide facts and information which certain organisations may not have been allowed to present to the judge at the London High Court case early this week.

In this PR we certain aspects of the live animal trade which has operated from Kent ports for decades, and attempt to shine further light on some people involved with the trade and also the long running saga of a Kent facility to take animals in the event of port emergencies.

It is not for us to make up your mind one way or the other about the situation regarding Ramsgate live export resumptions; your view(s) can be made with the help of the information which we present in this PR.

Regards – KAALE. October 2012.

The following are all points which we ask to be considered:

‘A Judge’ – definition - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judge>

*A judge is a person who presides over court proceedings, - The judge is supposed to conduct the trial **impartially** and in an open court. The judge hears all the witnesses and any other evidence presented by the parties of the case, **assesses the credibility and arguments of the parties**, and then issues a ruling on the matter at hand based on his or her interpretation of the law and his or her own personal judgment*

‘Crime’ – definition - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crime>

***Crime is the breaking of rules or laws** for which some governing authority (via mechanisms such as legal systems) can ultimately prescribe **a conviction**.*

Objectives of Criminal Law - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criminal_law

*Criminal law is distinctive for the uniquely serious potential consequences or sanctions for **failure to abide by its rules**.*

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AHVLA - The Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency

AHVLA is an executive agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). They define their role as being to safeguard animal health and welfare as well as public health, to protect the economy and enhance food security through research, surveillance and inspection.

Link - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla/about-us>

Link - <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/staff-organograms-and-pay-ahvla/resource/c1fc6bac-3820-45a0-b00e-06fb2dea2b0a>

Catherine Brown is the Chief Executive of AHVLA. The Veterinary Director is Nick Coulson.

Key Players Associated Directly With The Trade in Live Animal Exports from Kent Ports

Johannes Onderwater

Johannes Onderwater, who owns and operates the 'Joline' ship which undertakes services carrying livestock, will once again, after the verdict of the judge in the court case this week, commence operations with live animals between Ramsgate (UK) and Calais (France) on Friday 19th October 2012.

Onderwater is a **convicted criminal**. This was proven by KAALE in a UK court of law, when, working in conjunction with Kent Trading Standards (KTS); on 5th July 2010 at Folkestone Magistrates Court, Kent, Onderwater Agneaux BV (Onderwaters company) pleaded guilty to no less than **six (6) offences** under the Animal Health Act 1981 of causing the transport of sheep in contravention of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and EU Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 (Protection of animals during transport). This case was what become known within Kent and the rest of the UK as the 'sheep smuggling' offences.

As a result, Onderwater's company, Onderwater Agneaux BV (of the Netherlands), was fined at Folkestone a total of £10,370. And so, under UK law, by being prosecuted in this way, and pleading guilty to offences, Onderwater IS a convicted criminal. In a parallel operation running at the same time as the Folkestone prosecutions, KAALE worked with investigators at Netherlands based 'Eyes on Animals' (EoA) <http://www.eyesonanimals.com/> to obtain successful prosecutions against Onderwater in his 'home' nation of the Netherlands. This was achieved successfully by dedicated EoA work through the Dutch legal system, and which resulted in Onderwater obtaining two 'strikes' to his operators license out of a possible total of three. In the Dutch system, if he was given a third strike, he would lose his operators license.

It also appears that at this present time, as further investigations by KAALE have revealed, Onderwater appears to have links with the operation of a Control Post (facility taking live animals) in France. Information obtained from the official EU Control Post listings http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/transport/docs/council_regulation_1255_97.pdf shows the following:

Post reference: FR-59-401-524

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Personne responsable : Mr ONDERWATER, John.

Tom Lomas of Northamptonshire (Kettering)

Tom Lomas for several years had been collaborating with the late Douglas Clay of East Sussex and Surrey in exporting sheep to Europe by ferry.

In his early days of operations, Clay was sentenced to a couple of months prison for defrauding (the then) MAFF / now Defra, over subsidies; he was found guilty of extracting cows teeth with the intention of making them appear to be heifers. Note – ie older cattle disguised as younger because heifers are cows which have not yet calved.

1980/1981 – In the court proceedings against Clay, Lomas was named as a key figure in the case. Lomas' farms were alleged to have been used in conspiracy with Clay and he was also a defendant who attended a preliminary hearing. When Lomas heard that a warrant for his arrest had been issued, he fled the country.

December 1986 – Lomas was convicted and fined for moving sheep contrary to the Sheep Scab Order 1986. In court he was described as a Managing Director of a firm exporting sheep. The case was reported in the (Kent newspaper) Dover Express 5/12/86.

1993 – As reported in 'Farmers Guardian' of 15/1/93, Lomas is jailed for 15 months after admitting an export fraud involving thousands of sheep; sending them to France and then diverting them elsewhere within France and into Belgium.
He also admitted running a company while a undischarged bankrupt.

The offences came to light when a complaint was made by two (UK) City institutions over a missing £500,000. As a result, the Fraud Squad investigated and Lomas was charged with obtaining £100,000 by altering export documents. David Parker; a member of the National Farmers Union and Chairman of the British Association of Live Sheep Exporters appeared in court as a 'character witness' for Lomas.

The case took place at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London around the 6th and 7th of January 1993.

Lomas was banned from being a company Director for 10 years.

Lomas' company at that time; Dublin based Hedley Lomas (Ireland) Ltd; which employed him as a 'consultant', was prevented by MAFF from sending sheep to Spanish abattoirs where it was believed animals were not being humanely slaughtered.

At his trial his lawyer argued that Lomas had committed the offences to keep himself after a road accident which left him with brain damage. The injury was claimed to have 'impaired his judgement' according to the lawyer.

More recently, Lomas operates as a 'Livestock Consultant' at INTRA AGRA Ltd; of Northampton, England.
They are classified as 'Livestock Dealers'.

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It appears that whilst being associated as a consultant with Intra Agra Ltd, Mr. Lomas is also associated as the Director of a company which operates out of Capel Le Ferne, located near to Folkestone in Kent. This being HEDLEY LOMAS 2009 LIMITED.

HEDLEY LOMAS 2009 LIMITED also appears to be registered at the same Capel, Folkestone, address facility, currently operating as 'Animal Husbandry Services; Not Vets'.

In October 2011 using company director checks open to members of the public, this company appears to have a Director known as one PETER ZIOLKOWSKI; otherwise known also as 'Peter Z'. This man will be familiar to Ramsgate campaigners as it so happens that the same Peter Z also acts as the agent for the 'Joline' vessel (now back and operating at Ramsgate) which transports live animals to Calais under the service operated by Johannes Onderwater, the man convicted in court at Folkestone in July 2010 for six animal welfare offences !

And so, it could be declared that Tom Lomas operates as a livestock consultant for 'Intra Agra Ltd' from Kettering in Northamptonshire; he is also a Company Director of 'Animal Husbandry Services; Not Vets' of Capel, Folkestone, Kent; which is based at a facility run by Peter Z, who by pure chance is also the shipping agent for one Johannes Onderwater, the owner / operator of the 'Joline' vessel which carries livestock from the UK to Calais. This being the same Onderwater having been convicted of six (6) offences in a Folkestone court. The 'Joline', Onderwater and Peter Z all returned to Ramsgate harbour on Friday 19th October 2012 to transport live sheep to France for the 'Eid' ritual slaughter.

KAALE research has provided the following associated references which have been obtained by use of the world wide web (www.), and which is available to all citizens of the UK including those at Defra and the AHVLA:

'Hedley Lomas 2009 Ltd' and also 'Channel Livestock Limited' of Capel Le Ferne, Kent -

*<http://companycheck.co.uk/company/05165442>
<http://www.cdrex.com/hedley-lomas-2009-limited-2279989.html>*

*'Hedley Lomas Ltd' and also 'Intra Agra Ltd' of Kettering, Northants -
<http://bizzy.co.uk/uk/06835990/hedley-lomas>*

'Hedley Lomas (Ireland) Limited' - <http://opencorporates.com/companies/gb/FC025071>

'Director Check' - <http://company-director-check.co.uk/director/912671658>

*'Companies in the UK' -
<http://www.companiesintheuk.co.uk/Company/AllDocuments/hedley-lomas-%28ireland%29>*

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Ramsgate Port, Kent

KAALE consider that Ramsgate port is not suitable to be used for the export of animals.

This unsuitability for live animal operations was declared and detailed in a letter (TDC Ref 45035) to Defra Secretary of State Mr Owen Patterson MP on 7th September 2012 from Thanet District Council (TDC) Leader Cllr Clive Hart, Deputy Leader Cllr Alan Poole and Cllr Michelle Fenner of Cabinet Business Services. TDC took the bold initiative to stop exports from its port prior to the judicial review result announced this week which declared that the Ramsgate trade should recommence.

The letter outlined the establishment of a 'Monitoring Committee' by the (Thanet) Council which included both Defra / AHVLA and the RSPCA.

As part of this, the RSPCA were invited by Thanet District Council to 'conduct a thorough visit of Ramsgate port' in June 2012 by two of the organisations inspectors.

The final report from these (RSPCA inspectors) concluded that "there were no suitable facilities at the port for handling or housing farm animals". In addition, it was quoted that:

- **There are no facilities to house diseased or injured animals**
- **There are no facilities to quarantine animals should an outbreak of disease occur**
- **There are no facilities to house animals that may have been required to remain at the port due to ... serious compliances which require the cessation of the journey**

and concluded that the "on the issue of dealing with emergencies the report states that the solution at present appears to be 'informal agreements' between AHVLA and local farmers".

The report detailed that the minimum facilities that should be provided for animals at the port included:

- **Covered inspection bays for transporters**
- **A covered lairage for accommodating animals should it be deemed necessary**
 - **The ability to isolate species and individual animals**
 - **Floor coverings to prevent animal slipping**
 - **Adequate lighting and ventilation**
 - **Bedding and the ability to remove soiled bedding**
 - **Feed and water supply**
 - **Competent stock persons to manage the facility**
- **The ability to disinfect fixtures and fittings of the lairage and the vehicles**
 - **Adequate facilities for storing dead animals.**

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General recommendations included:

- **Long distance live transport trade must be suspended until facilities can be provided to ensure the welfare of the animals**
- **If facilities are going to be installed then they must be to the minimum standard noted above and be an integral part of any Contingency Plan of the port**
- **A Control Post must be established closer to the Kent ports than those currently available in Gloucestershire or Northamptonshire.**

In parallel with this last issue (A Control Post must be established closer to the Kent ports), KAALE have been providing written reports/complaints to the EU Legal Affairs department, Brussels, for well over 4 years now on this specific issue, outlining their concerns that despite being a prime issue detailed by the EU FVO in their post UK visit report (Ref: DG(SANCO)/ 2008-7690-MR-FINAL) of February 2008, nothing appears to have been done by UK Competent Authorities regarding the formal establishment and operation of a specific Kent facility working to existing EU standards.

In their response to the FVO report recommendation for a Kent facility, the UK competent authorities responded with:

We believe that there are effective arrangements in place for safeguarding animal welfare which would allow for unloading of animals in suitable accommodation, should the need arise during occasions where there are unexpected delays or when emergency measures are required.

Contingency plans are in place at Dover port to make use of the nearest appropriate Control post or other alternative accommodation for animals when necessary.

As detailed in the letter by TDC, the policy still appears to be, some 4 years after the EU FVO report, one of “the issue of dealing with emergencies the report states that the solution at present appears to be informal agreements between AHVLA and local farmers”.

KAALE would suggest to UK Competent Authorities that ‘informal agreements’ between AHVLA and ‘local farmers’ is a far cry from the actual standards required under existing EU legislation to deal with live export animals at a Kent Control Post facility. Is this why nothing has been done over the last four years – that AHVLA cannot even be bothered to comply with EU legislation ?

As with all of their correspondence; KAALE will be providing a copy of this PR and the evidence contained therein to their associates at the EU Legal Affairs / FVO in Brussels, who (the FVO) will be visiting the UK in the very near future to inspect the ‘animal facilities’ which are alleged to exist according to Defra, AHVLA and government ministers within Kent county and also at Kent ports such as Ramsgate. KAALE will very much look forward to the results of the EU FVO inspections which will be undertaken within Kent county.

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Ipswich, Suffolk

ABP at Ipswich; stopped the trade in live animals after just one shipment taking place (as a result of the Ramsgate port closure). And the reason stated declare that:

ABP at Ipswich confirmed that THE PORT DID NOT HAVE SUITABLE FACILITIES for the handling of animals should emergencies arise.

The RSPCA PR of 28 September declared:

RSPCA delight as Ipswich port also says no to live transport of animals

Press release: Friday, 28 September 2012

The RSPCA is delighted by the decision of the owners of Ipswich Port, Associated British Ports (ABP), to suspend immediately and "until further notice" the live transport of farmed animals to Europe.

The decision follows an exchange between the RSPCA and ABP in which the latter confirmed that the port did not have suitable facilities for the handling of animals should emergencies arise.

The trade moved to Ipswich, a week ago, following its suspension from the port of Ramsgate in Kent.

This occurred after an incident, two weeks ago, during which 500 sheep had to be unloaded from a truck in the port. 46 of these sheep died. Two drowned, two suffered broken legs and a further 42 had to be shot on the advice of a vet because of their lameness.

In the summer, the RSPCA provided a report to the Ramsgate port owners, Thanet District Council, highlighting the inadequacy of the port's facilities and warning of the **severe problems animals would experience in the event of an emergency**. It was in the response to this incident, the RSPCA report and **questions over the ability of the port authority to comply with their duty of care to the animals that Thanet Council decided to suspend the trade.**

One sailing of sheep to the continent has taken place from Ipswich. The vessel involved is the MV Joline, a converted former Russian tank transporter. **The crossing to Calais took over 15 hours so calling into question compliance with EU animal welfare regulation.**

Efforts to re-open Ramsgate

Gavin Grant, RSPCA Chief Executive said; "I am delighted that ABP have suspended this dire trade. They are taking their responsibilities seriously to the animals.

"ABP have acknowledged to the RSPCA that, like Ramsgate, their port did not have suitable facilities to help the animals should an emergency arise. Sadly, we saw the unacceptable suffering in Ramsgate in just such an emergency.

"I am aware that the National Farmers Union is making efforts to re-open Ramsgate. I say to them that they should respect the views of the people of Ramsgate, Ipswich and this country that there is no place in a civilised and compassionate society for this vile trade that causes so much suffering to animals.

"I recently raised the RSPCA's concerns about this trade with David Heath, the new Minister of Agriculture and with the EU Commission. I continue to be in touch with Mr Heath and am meeting the Commission

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again in the coming weeks to brief them on these important developments."

-ends-

As a result of TDC (Ramsgate) being forced to re-open their port to the live animal trade on Friday 19th October 2012 as a result of the High Court case earlier in the same week, the RSPCA gave the following PR:

From: Klare Kennett

Date: 16 October 2012

Subject: Live transport Judicial Review verdict tonight

The RSPCA is furious that the High Court has tonight granted "interim relief" to force open the port of Ramsgate for live animal export. This decision means tens of thousands of sheep will be shipped to the Continent in the next 10 days, **many for ritual slaughter without pre stunning**.

Exporters said that they would lose customers if they were not allowed to ship 75,000 live sheep to France for the Festival of Eid.

Thanet District Council took the decision to close the port in the middle of September after an horrific incident in which 46 sheep were killed. Two drowned, two had broken legs and were destroyed and another 42 were shot after a vet judged that they were lame.

In the summer, the RSPCA provided a report to Thanet Council highlighting the inadequacy of the port's facilities and warning of the severe problems animals would experience in the event of such an emergency as arose last month. **Today, Justice Burton, conceded that the port facilities would have to be looked at by the judicial review to be held before 1st December.**

Sailings could commence immediately and the RSPCA has committed to sending inspectors to check every lorry that turns up at the port.

"This is a black day for all who love animals and care about them. **This ruling has put profit above animal welfare**. This vile trade will deliver tens of thousands of sheep to their awful fate. Their throats will be slit so they bleed out while fully conscious. We will redouble our efforts to protect these animals welfare and end this trade when the judicial review is heard." said Gavin Grant, Chief Executive of the RSPCA.

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Why are the exporters so desperate to get sheep to Europe ?

'Eid al-Adha' or 'Feast of the Sacrifice' or Greater Eid, is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide to honour the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to God, before God intervened to provide him with a sheep to sacrifice instead.

And so as a major producer of sheep, animals (often old and worn out, being named 'cull ewes') are purchased from the UK and exported to Europe, where the animals undergo religious slaughter which involves cutting of the throat without any pre-stunning.

This is often performed by a member / head of a family who is a completely untrained slaughterman; using such things as old kitchen knives to cut the animals throat. It is a barbaric death for the animal. The following pictures are typical.



On 17th October, at the request of UK Press contacts, KAALE put out the following PR associated with the resumption of live animal exports from Ramsgate port on Friday 19th October 2012:

KAALE, along with other major UK animal welfare organisations, are disappointed with the decision made at the High Court this Tuesday. Despite this, KAALE will continue to give their full backing to Thanet District Council in their efforts to stop the live trade from Ramsgate.

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Ramsgate Port does not have the facilities required for their protection as determined by EU law on animal transport; as is the case with other Kent ports (such as Dover); an issue specifically raised by the EU Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) in their UK visit and inspections undertaken during February 2008. The FVO will be undertaking a follow up investigation during November (2012), which will include the checking of facilities; or rather the lack of, at Ramsgate port.

The current UK government is very keen to promote 'UK plc'; whilst at the same time allowing live British animals to be exported to Europe; slaughtered in Europe and then being stamped up as a 'European' product; carcasses having to be stamped as a product of the country in which they were slaughtered. Sheep which will now be exported in the coming weeks as a result of this weeks review will be ritually slaughtered for the festival of 'Eid'; will not be stunned and will have their throats cut whilst fully conscious, by often untrained personnel doing the killings in their own home.

David Cameron declares that he wants to put money into building projects within the UK; so why not establish good, EU standard approved and animal welfare friendly local slaughterhouses within the UK where animals spend a minimum time on the road and which brings in local business support in the way of clothing and equipment supplies. Most importantly, the 'on the hook' meat being exported to Europe in carcass form only, clearly labelled as a 'British' product. Is this not what UK farmers always say ?; that British is best ? – yet they are prepared to let their animals be exported live to Europe; be killed in an European slaughterhouse and then sold to EU consumers as an EU 'product' ! – not a good selling point for UK plc one could say. Live animal exports have contributed to the closure of some local slaughterhouses by drastically cutting their animal throughput; forcing them to close. Local slaughterhouses would see locally reared animals being killed locally and sold locally to shoppers who would buy a 'British' product. Win-win for the UK; **in direct opposition to the situation which now results from the court case this week and which will see live animals being exported to Europe, taking British jobs with them literally out of Ramsgate on their very backs !**

KAALE will continue to campaign for a cessation in live animal exports from the UK and right across Europe; and, as an alternative, see British raised animals being slaughtered to higher standards within the UK, and the resultant meat exported only 'on the hook', and not 'on the hoof' as the live exports situation currently supports; to the detriment of 'British is Best' as the farmers claim.

KAALE very much look forward to the full judicial review in the near future when the major failings of the current UK government regarding correct compliance with existing EU animal welfare legislation will be put before those overseeing the matter.

We very much welcome the visit of the EU FVO during November, which we hope will highlight further failings of the British government regarding the welfare of animals being exported.

Despite our disappointment this week; we have now become even more determined in our efforts for animal welfare. This is certainly not the end of our campaign.

... and finally

As a direct result of the High Court decisions this week, KAALE have now decided that they will undertake legitimate and legally approved actions aimed at future UK political elections. It is time the existing government was challenged about live animal exports.

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These actions will include:

- **Campaigning in relation to the European Elections which will take place next summer (2013). Despite asking from many of their constituents; Conservative and UKIP MEPs have made no attempts to support the 8 hour maximum journey time petition which obtained well over 1 million signatures by concerned EU citizens. KAALE will suggest to South East England constituents which MEPs are (in their opinion) worthy of support and will name and shame those who have done nothing to date to add their voice to the cessations of live animal exports from the UK.**
- **KAALE will work in collaboration with other welfare organisations in providing candidates who will stand in the next UK General Election against selected Kent Conservative Party MPs – live animal exports being given the ‘ok’ by the existing Cameron government acting via Defra and AHVLA; so now it is time for a change and for a challenge. Animal candidates will not expect to win, far from it, but their mere standing as potential candidates fighting the issue of live animal exports from Kent ports may influence votes in selected constituencies around the county. We have plenty of time to prepare for this event and the publicity and media attention that we hope to positively achieve for the animals and the issue of stopping live exports as a result.**

- **Issues to be raised will include:**

- **Dutch hauliers of live animals being given huge Kent police protection paid for by the people of Kent; with the Dutch hauliers contributing nothing to the costs**
- **Should Kent taxpayers financial contributions for Kent policing in these hard times of austerity not be given to Kent police who will provide a service to Kent citizens rather than Dutch livestock hauliers ? – see video link above**
- **What exactly do Onderwater and all the Dutch hauliers actually give to the UK in return for all the police protection which they are given in Kent ?**
- **Should the hauliers and Onderwater not be charged by Kent county constabulary for providing such a protection service to them on such a very regular basis ?**
- **Why should Kent citizens and taxpayers be losing out to live animal transporters from mainland Europe ?**
- **Why are we not allowed to be given the costs of kent policing when requests are made under Freedom of Information ? – maybe not such a good terminology in these circumstances !**

Roll on the Euro Elections next summer – we will have plenty of questions for Conservative MEP’s !

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We at KAALE hope and trust that this PR has been of use in your campaign / press and media work. It is 'food for thought' that we hope the media will further act on and further investigate now. Our opinion is that the decision made in the High Court this week to allow live animal exports to resume from Ramsgate was very much influenced in advance of the actual hearing by letters sent to the judge by AHVLA, namely Defra and the current UK coalition government

What happens over the coming months regarding UK live animal exports will be very interesting to say the least. KAALE eagerly await future actions; especially those relating to compliance with existing EU legislation.

We cannot stop animals going to their terrible deaths from UK ports this very day (19/10/12), but current actions have now only strengthened our resolve to continue the campaign to fight in defence of the animals and to name and shame all parties who support this vile trade.

Ramsgate – Friday 19th October Consignment

<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/story/2012-10-19/protesters-gather-as-exports-resume/>

Quick points from today's (Friday) shipment from Ramsgate:

- 80+ protesters took part in the demonstration this morning
 - there were 7 transporters loaded with sheep
- due to the court ruling, the RSPCA were NOT ALLOWED to undertake checks on the animals carried in each transporter as they normally would
- AHVLA inspectors gave a simple 'cursory glance' to animals carried in only 2 out of the 7 transporters arriving
- AHVLA declared that the animals 'had been inspected at loading and as such a Ramsgate inspection was not necessary'
- Many of the sheep had come from Kettering in Northants; which is where Tom Lomas operates from – see text above
 - We would point out to AHVLA that the 40+ animals which had to be killed at Ramsgate a few weeks ago due to broken limbs and foot rot also came from Kettering, and yet their condition and suffering was missed (? deliberately ?) on that day – were they even inspected by anyone at loading that day we ask ?
- **Who exactly is the veterinarian that approves the loading of 40+ animals suffering with foot rot ?**
- Did more foot rot animals from Kettering get exported yet again from Ramsgate today ? – they came from the same location of Kettering and may have been inspected by the same veterinarian as the other week ?
- AHVLA so called 'inspectors' only glanced at 2 out of the 7 vehicles carrying sheep today – so there is a potential that animals with foot rot were carried on the other 5 vehicles which were not inspected by AHVLA.
 - This is a complete and utter disgrace and shows clearly that AHVLA, Defra (Patterson and Heath) and the animal exporters are all working together to evade the necessary regulations required for the transportation of animals.
- **And the 'AH' in AHVLA allegedly stands for 'Animal Health' – what a complete and utter joke !!! – they know nothing about animal health – finance and supporting the greed of the exporters is their only concern**

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- ***If they (AHVLA) question this what we are saying today, then they will have no problems with providing us with the name of the veterinarian who ‘inspected and approved’ the animals during loading today at Kettering – it could even possibly be the same person who approved and yet as a veterinarian, missed the foot rot suffering animals in the consignment a few weeks ago !***

Shame on them all for putting the greed of money before the welfare of animals in transport.

***Just as the Conservatives like it – finance and bankers are the tops so they say !
Money rules all !***

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“I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell.”

President Harry S Truman

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