

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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WHY WE NEED TO CAMPAIGN NOW FOR AN EU WIDE 8 HOUR MAXIMUM JOURNEY TIME

With the recent obstructions re the High Court and Judicial Review denial being placed in the way of UK campaigners regarding calls to stop the export of live animals from Ramsgate, it is now decided that we at KAALE need to unite with other European organisations even more and call for a maximum journey time for live animal transport within the EU of 8 Hours.

We now consider that a change in EU wide legislation is the only real way to tackle this issue. The UK government has failed us and always will.

Our experiences here in the UK shows that the government is not interested in any of our evidence of our campaigning. They continue to bend over backwards and support the animal exporters, whilst at the same time ignoring the evidence supplied by anti-export organisations.

This campaign will now be taken forward to the Euro Elections in 2014 and also to the UK General Election.

Please click on the following link to obtain an overview of the EU wide campaign to reduce live animal transport time to an 8 Hours maximum:

<http://www.8hours.eu/8hours>

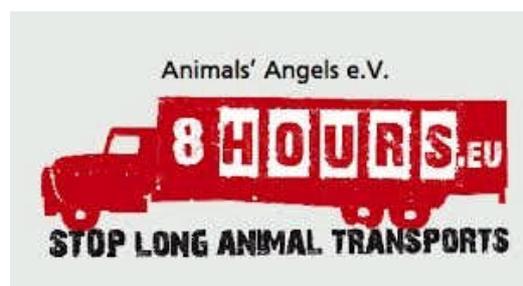
KAALE is a Member Organisation of 8 Hours



KAALE is proud to be a supporter organisation calling for the 8 Hour limit across the EU.

See us and all the other supporter organisations calling for 8 hours maximum journey time at:

http://8hours.eu/organisation_supporters/



Donations for 8 Hours

Donations to the 8 Hour campaign can be made via the following link:

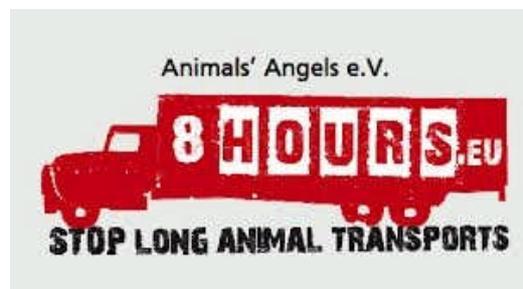
http://www.8hours.eu/help_us

STOP Long Animal Transports – An Overview

Today, too many animals are transported under unacceptable conditions on European highways.

The most important issue is the duration of the transports. Current EU legislation allows for animals to be transported for several days. This has to be changed. Live animals for slaughter should never be transported for more than eight hours.

http://www.8hours.eu/about_us



Why 8hours?

Every year millions of animals are transported along European highways, and too often under unacceptable conditions.

In 2002, the European Commission's Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare published the report "The Welfare of Animals during Transport" concluding that animal transports, as a ground rule, should be as short as possible. This recommendation is, however, not reflected in the current EU legislation.

According to current legislation animal transports up to several days are acceptable as long as the haulier fulfills simple demands concerning e.g. rest, feeding and watering of the animals. We do not think this is acceptable.

For a long time, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, concerned citizens and politicians have argued that something has to be done. Animals for slaughter should never be transported for more than eight hours.

The MANIFESTO OF MALTA

- against long-distance live animal transport and for the defence of the rights of European citizens

Millions of live animals are transported over long distances on European roads, sometimes for several days, only to be killed on arrival. This huge amount of suffering can easily be avoided by killing the animals in the nearest slaughterhouse to the farm and then transporting their meat and carcasses.

On 15 March 2012, the European Parliament adopted Written Declaration 49/2011, which calls on the EU institutions to establish a maximum 8-hour limit on the journeys of animals transported for the purpose of slaughter.

On 7 June 2012, representatives of animal welfare NGOs from all over Europe and Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) handed in 1,103,248 petition signatures to the then Commissioner for Health and Consumers, John Dalli, who was responsible for animal welfare in the European Union. The petition calls for an 8-hour limit to be placed on journeys to slaughter. In front of the cameras, Mr Dalli announced that “by 2014 the Commission will publish a legislative proposal”, which would include live transport and transport times. On the same occasion, the Commissioner admitted that “some species of animals require a much lower figure than 8 hours”.

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) called on EU Member States to review journey times for animal transport, advocating that animals should be reared as close as possible to the premises on which they are born and slaughtered as close as possible to the point of production, and affirming that long-distance transport carries an increased risk of compromising the welfare of these animals, as well as increasing the risk of spreading infectious diseases.

The Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations (FEEVA) affirms that horses for welfare reasons should be slaughtered as close to the point of origin as possible, keeping transport to a minimum and where transportation is necessary, the horse’s welfare should be considered with priority, observing all regulations addressing the needs of these animals. FEEVA therefore strongly expresses support for the maximum 8-hour limit requested by the European Parliament through WD 49/2011.

The investigations carried out over the years by Animals’ Angels, the reports of the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) and the answers recently provided by Commissioner Dalli to parliamentary questions tabled by MEPs show that the existing rules on transport are regularly violated, that some are impossible to enforce and that both Member States and Commission have constantly failed to gather data on – among other things – animals dead during transport, number of inspections carried out by Member States, penalties imposed when violations are reported, frequency of lack of water supply during transport, delays at transfer and exit points, presence of veterinarians at loading or unloading, quantity of inadequate vehicles used for long-distance transports and inadequacy of ventilation systems.

The insistence of Commissioner Dalli that focusing on enforcement of the existing rules without strengthening them – especially in relation to journey times – would be sufficient to guarantee good levels of animal welfare was not credible. The Commissioner never provided any satisfactory explanation as to how improved enforcement would be achieved. Moreover, in refusing even to consider proposing a reasonably short maximum journey time on transport to slaughter, he was ignoring the views of the European Food Safety Authority, the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, the Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations and the World Organisation of Animal Health, all of which recommend that journeys should be kept as short as possible.

Moreover, the Commissioner failed to explain how and why much larger sums of money should be spent in times of economic crisis, for the sake of defending the economic interests of a handful of people who profit from the continuation of long-distance animal transport. We hope that his successor will take a radically different attitude and propose a review of the present EU rules on live animal transport. The ‘holistic approach on animal welfare’ espoused by the Commission should mean that something is done for all animals, not that empty words are allowed to replace proper action.

Mr Dalli’s behaviour was at odds with his duty to protect animal welfare in the EU, with the mandate of Article 13 TFEU and – more generally – with the rights of European citizens to be represented by their institutions, not to be treated as a nuisance.

At the end of the conference ‘Animal Suffering in Long-Distance Transport: Ask John Dalli’, held in Valletta on 28 September 2012, speakers and participants – coming from different EU countries and professional backgrounds – therefore initiated the following appeal:

- to the European institutions, asking that this gap between them and the EU citizens be filled by effective action against long-distance live animal transport, with a review of the existing rules and the establishment of maximum journey times aimed at improving animal welfare with deeds, not words;

- to the EU Commissioner for Health and Consumers, that he honour his role as EU Commissioner in charge of animal welfare by proposing a review of the rules on the welfare of transported animals, thereby responding properly both to the EU citizens who are his employers and to their elected representatives in the European Parliament;

- to the Maltese political parties and electors, that they support the European campaign against long-distance live animal transport, that clear party positions in favour of an 8-hour journey limit be adopted, and that Maltese electors take these events into consideration when they vote in future elections.

[\[Download a petition form of the Manifesto to collect signatures \]](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN THE MANIFESTO OF MALTA NOW](#)

This document is supported by these organisations and individuals:

Organisations

MEPs (Member of the European Parliament)

8 Hour Animal Transport Publications

In this section you will find some of the publications produced either specifically in relation to the 8hours campaign, or as part of Animals' Angels work against long-distance live transport.

*Please feel free to **read them online or download them**.
Click on the following link to obtain access to all the publications:*

<http://www.8hours.eu/publications>



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If you are involved with any animal welfare organisation in the UK, then please add your organisations name to the growing list of supporters calling for 8 Hours.

The current members can be seen at:

http://8hours.eu/organisation_supporters/

We need more UK organisations to support by adding their name – you do NOT have to be an anti export organisation specifically – simply an animal welfare organisation.

To add your groups name to the growing list, simply make contact via the following e mail link – and ask to be added.

If your group has a logo and a website, please also provide this in your e mail – the web link will then be added on the supporters links

Mail information to:

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The more support this, the better chance of victory and 8 Hours Maximum !!!

Thank you and regards - KAALE



Time for this to go into the History Books !!

BAN LIVE ANIMAL EXPORTS

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