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Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP
Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DEFRA
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London SW1P 3JR

Dear Minister,

Please accept the enclosed petition to ban live exports.

It is simply not acceptable that animals can be transported from Aberdeen to Athens. The UK government must reverse its position of being in favour of live exports and against a maximum overall 8 hour journey limit.

Part of the reason that no agreement was reached in the Council of Ministers in April was because of the UK's negotiating position. I would be grateful if you would inform me why the UK government has spent the last 6 months trying to sabotage these new laws and to ensure that cruel live exports can continue?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Lucas MEP