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Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 11

PROSPECTIVE

1 Prohibition of export of livestock for slaughter

- (1) A person may not export relevant livestock from Great Britain for slaughter.
- (2) A person who contravenes [subsection \(1\)](#) commits an offence.
- (3) A person “exports” relevant livestock from Great Britain if—
 - (a) the person sends, or attempts to send, relevant livestock from Great Britain to anywhere outside the British Islands,
 - (b) the person transports, or attempts to transport, relevant livestock from or through Great Britain to anywhere outside the British Islands, or
 - (c) the person organises, or attempts to organise, the transport of relevant livestock from or through Great Britain to anywhere outside the British Islands.
- (4) “Relevant livestock” means—
 - (a) cattle and other bovine animals,
 - (b) horses and other equine animals,
 - (c) sheep,
 - (d) goats, or
 - (e) pigs or wild boar.
- (5) A person exports relevant livestock “for slaughter” if the person exporting the relevant livestock knows, or could reasonably be expected to know, that the relevant livestock is being exported—
 - (a) for the purpose of being slaughtered, or
 - (b) for the purpose of being fattened for slaughter.
- (6) A person who commits an offence under [subsection \(2\)](#) is liable—

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- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the maximum term for summary offences, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.
- (7) In subsection (6)(a), “the maximum term for summary offences” means—
- (a) if the offence is committed before the time when section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, 6 months;
 - (b) if the offence is committed after that time, 51 weeks.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 7\(2\)](#)

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- s. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 2024/678 reg. 2\(a\)](#)
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