

PETA

Dear Prime Minister/Minister,

I was pleased to learn that the government cancelled the live-export licences of Emanuel Exports and EMS Rural Exports. This is a step in the right direction, and now with the draft advice published in December recommending that these ships be allowed to reach no higher than a wet-bulb temperature of 28 degrees (which is impossible in the summer when temperatures reach over 45 degrees in the Middle East), the government must take definitive action to end inherently cruel live export, especially by those ships carrying animals to the Northern Hemisphere during the hottest months of the year.

Every year, millions of animals are crammed onto filthy cargo ships bound for the Middle East and forced to endure journeys that may take weeks, sometimes in searing heat. More than 2.5 million animals have been trampled to death or died from dehydration, starvation, or disease on these gruelling voyages.

The suffering doesn't end for those who survive the journey. Because there are virtually no laws to protect them in the Middle East, animals endure abuse and methods of slaughter that would be illegal in this country. Many are dragged by their legs, and their throats are cut while they're still conscious.

Please, reduce the suffering of these gentle, intelligent beings by prohibiting ships exporting live animals from travelling during the hottest months of the year.

Sincerely,

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