

**Dairy UK Position Paper  
Live Exports – Bull Calves  
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There are a number of stringent EU rules and regulations which cover the transportation of live animals. These determine transportation times, rest periods, vehicle standards and other animal welfare provisions. Provided these standards are met by farmers, the export of live Bull Calves overseas is legally permitted.

The live export trade in Bull Calves has vastly decreased over the last 20 years. The subsequent reduction in exports has therefore made this a small part of the market. Strategies are also in place on farms to minimise the number of Bull Calves produced, using breeding techniques such as sexed semen.

The UK dairy industry is continually working towards the highest standards of animal welfare.