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FIRST CALF SHIPMENT LEAVES DOVER PORT

The first shipment of calves to leave the UK since the Foot and Mouth restrictions were lifted left Dover Port early this morning (Weds 9th Jan).

Compassion in World Farming believe that live exports have no legitimate part to play in today's world in which consumers expect high welfare standards and that this trade should be consigned to the history books.

Thousands of surplus dairy calves are exported to the continent every year to be reared for veal across Europe. Once the calves harrowing journey has ended, they are usually kept on concrete or slatted floors without any straw or other bedding.

"These calves are just two weeks old and susceptible to extreme stress and suffering during their long journey to the continent; where they may be reared in conditions which are illegal in the UK." says Carol Yesson, Campaigns Officer for Compassion in World Farming.

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