

TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

The BVA is keen that measures should address the issue of *transport* in general, rather than concentrating on perception of the *export* of animals.

The BVA recognises that animal transport is a legal trade, and integral to agricultural life.

The BVA transport policy is that

- 1. Legislative improvements to minimise suffering are welcomed, but any such measures must be adequately enforced on a Europe-wide scale.**
- 2. Slaughter should take place as near to the point of production as possible.**
- 3. Veterinary surgeons have a central role in effective enforcement of animal welfare standards.**
- 4. No animal should be transported unless fit enough to complete the entire journey without pain or discomfort.**
- 5. No animal should be exported and then raised in systems previously banned in this country due to welfare considerations. Neither should the meat from such animals be re-imported.**

For further advice please contact BVA