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Dear Rose Taffard

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2022 requesting information relating to live exports approved for slaughter since 2016. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*•Total number of live exports approved by the Director-General for Slaughter since 2016 up till 2022, •Also From Which countries these were approved for,*

*I do not ask for names of the companies making requests of approval for live exports for slaughter as I understand there may be privacy issues but there should be no issue releasing the information on the country the request came from.*

Since the prohibition of exporting livestock for slaughter came into effect December 2007, there have been no Director-General approved exports of livestock for slaughter by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) or the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF).

MPI strongly promotes the humane treatment of animals. As such, strict rules have been put in place to ensure the welfare of live animals on their journey. These rules reflect the high expectations that people in New Zealand have regarding animal welfare. More information on this is available via the following link: [https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export/animals/live-animals-including-livestock/requirement-documents-for-exporting-live-animals/animal-welfare-export-certificates/live-sheep-and-cattle-exports/#:~:text=Under%20the%20Animal%20Welfare%20\(Export,the%20animals%20on%2](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export/animals/live-animals-including-livestock/requirement-documents-for-exporting-live-animals/animal-welfare-export-certificates/live-sheep-and-cattle-exports/#:~:text=Under%20the%20Animal%20Welfare%20(Export,the%20animals%20on%2)

No exports of livestock for slaughter have been approved by MPI's Director-General within your requested dates of 2016 up till 2022. We have taken this timeframe to mean 1 January 2016 to the date of your request, 26 May 2022.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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