F1  Export of live food animals (reviewed 24/12/2012)

1  RSPCA Australia urges the Australian Government to end the export of live animals for slaughter and for such exports to be substituted by a chilled and frozen meat only trade.

2  While RSPCA Australia remains opposed to the export of live food animals, it supports the following improvements to the trade in the short term:

   a  The dedication of greater resources to the implementation and enforcement of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock and Exporter Supply Chain Assurance Systems.
   b  Independent research on the physiological and disease problems associated with the long-distance transport and export of live food animals.
   c  The institution by the Australian Government of positive aid programs to encourage the adoption of codes of humane animal husbandry and slaughter by importing countries.