

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Animal Welfare Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Nicola Grigg, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 10A

After *clause 10* (page 3, after line 13), insert:

10A New section 48A inserted (Requirements for regulations permitting the application for and approval of animal welfare export certificates by Director-General)

After section 48, insert:

48A Requirements for regulations permitting the application for and approval of animal welfare export certificates by Director-General

- (1) The Minister can approve the making of regulations under section 183C(1) permitting exporters of cattle to apply for animal welfare export certificates and for the Director-General to approve animal welfare export certificates if the regulations require the exporter of cattle to demonstrate that the physical, health, and behavioural needs of the animals are met, based on both good practice and scientific knowledge,—
- (a) during the voyage, a healthy and safe environment for cattle taking account of, among other things, standards, conditions, or both, that could be applied to—
- (i) the age, number, and fitness of cattle and pre-conditions for travel (including requirements around pregnancy):

- (ii) nutrition and environment, including space available per animal:
 - (iii) management of physical and sentient health:
 - (iv) transport vessels and associated facilities:
 - (v) veterinary care on board and other people accompanying the cattle:
- (b) on arrival in the destination country and for the remainder of the animal's life, taking account of the extent likely positive animal welfare can be demonstrated by:
- (i) verification or certification of animal welfare requirements; or
 - (ii) commercial arrangements entered into with the person who will be caring for the cattle; or
 - (iii) any domestic or international regulatory requirements that apply in the relevant country.
- (2) Once regulations are made in accordance with **subsection (1)**, the Director-General must approve the issuance of animal welfare export certificates, where exporters demonstrate they meet the requirements in the regulations, on a case-by-case basis.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill. The Bill seeks to ban livestock exports by sea from 30 April 2023. This Supplementary Order Paper introduces an exemption mechanism whereby individual exports of live cattle can be granted on a case-by-case basis. The exemption allows for regulations to be made that permit the granting of an animal welfare export certificate, if the individual exporter can demonstrate that certain strict requirements are met, for each shipment of live cattle, as will be prescribed by the regulations and as set out in *new section 48A*.