



POSITION STATEMENT ON THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

BEVA recognises the need for a properly regulated, humane horse slaughter trade in the UK and abroad as an appropriate route for the disposal of horses, under some circumstances.

Protection of public health, by ensuring the safety and security of the food chain, must demand that only horses suitable for human consumption are disposed of by this route.

BEVA believe that such horses should be slaughtered as close to the point of origin as possible, keeping transport to a minimum.

Where transportation is necessary, the horses' welfare must remain paramount at all times, observing all regulation designed to address the needs of these animals.

BEVA considers the consumption of horse meat to be a matter of individual choice, and remains neutral on the ethical considerations. Its concern for the welfare of the horse extends throughout the life of the horse, up to, and including, the point of slaughter.

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