

Protection of animals during transport

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By adopting the report by Albert Jan MAAT (EPP-ED, NL) by 261 votes for, 194 votes against and 44 abstentions, the European Parliament approved the proposal subject to amendments proposed by the committee responsible. Parliament stresses that animals should be moved around as little as possible and should in particular be slaughtered as close as possible to their point of origin, rather than being taken to a different country just to find a cheaper slaughterhouse. As a way of reducing the frequency of animal transport, the report suggests the creation of mobile slaughterhouses and calls for the development of local slaughterhouses and hence employment, in particular in disadvantaged areas.