Kent Action Against Live Exports (KAALE)

“I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell.”

President Harry S Truman

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The bathtub named the ‘Joline’, which Owen Paterson MP and David Heath MP (Conservatives) do nothing about, is due to sail from RAMSGATE harbour on THURSDAY 28th March.

Livestock trucks are expected anytime after 0700hrs.

Don’t forget that the agent of the Joline, Peter Z, along with others, is due in Canterbury court on Tuesday 2nd April.

We have had it confirmed in writing from the EU – Health and Consumers DG – Veterinary and International Affairs Director, dated 25th March 2013, that:

“it is for the competent authorities of the Member States to decide, on a case-by-case basis, if a truck fulfils the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 as regards, in this particular case, access to the transported animals”.

“I would like to clarify that, it is not the task of the Commission to make any judgments on whether a specific truck provides proper access to the animals, as requested in your letter. This task remains under the responsibility of the competent authorities, which, as it has been explained in previous

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correspondence, are primarily responsible for the enforcement of EU legislation”.

So no more Conservatives blaming Europe for not being able to do anything.

Ensuring the quality and standards of all trucks passing through Ramsgate carrying live animals is down to UK authorities (Defra / AHVLA /Animal Health) is to compliance with Regulations 1/2005 is the responsibility of UK authorities.

This is Owen Paterson and David Heaths’s responsibility for ensuring all is to standard.

We will be watching closely and we will be noting any discrepancies in adherence to the regulations. Ministers will be contacted afterwards if necessary to ask why UK authorities are not being compliant with EU regulations.

With the agent in court next Tuesday, one has to ask questions about this entire set up. But do the government act?

We look forward to elections coming in the future.

Transporter tyre (or what’s left of it) on arrival at Ramsgate – fully compliant in the haulier’s eyes!

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Above – Regulation 1/2005 Chapter I Article 3 – “sufficient floor area and height is provided for the animals”!

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