

Is our Government

All Fur Coat and No Knickers?

The Government's welcome and ambitious Animal Welfare Strategy promises to 'uphold high animal welfare standards as part of our approach to trade'. Yet this commitment risks being undermined by the UK-EU Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement currently under negotiation. This deal could eliminate the UK's ability to ban EU imports of fur and other animal products produced using methods that are illegal and widely condemned here. It could also see us tied into EU controls on animal welfare labelling on meat products.

The UK banned cruel fur farming in 2003. Leaving the EU single market then created an opportunity to go further, by ending the importation of fur from animals subjected to immense suffering overseas.

77% of the public and over 200 MPs back the campaign for a Fur Free Britain.

The Government must not trade away our right to close our borders to fur and other cruel products. Animal welfare must be firmly established as a legitimate and enduring basis for UK divergence from EU agrifood rules.

We welcome the Animal Welfare Strategy and urge Ministers to ensure there are no obstacles to its success. Minister Nick Thomas-Symonds must weave animal welfare red lines into the fabric of the UK-EU SPS Agreement. Otherwise, the Strategy risks being warm in appearance, but leaving the uncomfortable impression that there is little beneath.

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