

July 2nd, 2024
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Ottawa, On

Dear Paul MacKinnon,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our hundreds of thousands of supporters across Canada, we are writing to ask the CFIA to immediately impose a moratorium on the live export of horses to Japan for slaughter. This ask follows the release of alarming undercover footage by Animal Justice and Life Investigation Agency, revealing that most shipments of live horses extend the already-long legal time limit.

According to Animal Justice's [press release](#) and the accompanying footage, investigators documented four shipments of horses from Alberta to airports in Japan, all of which went above the 28-hour limit for these animals to be denied food, water and rest during transport. Moreover, their analysis of government records revealed that the majority of shipments from the past several months also exceeded this legal limit.

We are deeply concerned about this most recent revelation. Horses already endure grueling journeys from Canada to Japan, experiencing stress, extreme thirst and hunger, exhaustion and injury, even when they comply with the 28-hour maximum. That shipments routinely contravene the Health of Animals Regulations, subjecting thousands of animals to cruel treatment each year, is unacceptable.

Given the documented, repeated breaches of Canada's animal transport laws by this industry, all live horse exports for slaughter must be immediately halted. We also urge CFIA officials to thoroughly investigate these apparent infractions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Humane Society International/Canada

Vancouver Humane Society

Humane Canada

Winnipeg Humane Society

The British Columbia Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA)

The Canadian Horse Defence Coalition

World Animal Protection

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