

*[Response received by email from Red Meat Industry]*

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Hello [...]

As mentioned, Peter Barnard MLA is travelling and asked me to contact you about your question below.

Following on from our telephone discussion (thanks for your time), a short note to confirm the Red Meat Industry recommendation in its submission 1B (July 2007) that an in-depth review be progressed against 2007 Best Practice Regulatory Principles of all regulations affecting livestock export extending into aspects of shipping regulation.

Sub-rules, processes and the ways regulatory arrangements are implemented warrant detailed, objective review to assess whether animal welfare and export performance benefits are actually being achieved and whether these reasonably balance a range of additional costs to businesses and industry (RMI Submission 1B p25, and Response to draft report, p9). Review of parts of the regulation set alone is unlikely to achieve optimum national benefit.

with regards, Sandra Welsman