



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, concerning the export of greyhounds. Minister Watt has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to reply on his behalf.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry regulates the export of live animals, including animals other than livestock such as dogs and cats. In accordance with the *Export Control Act 2020* (the Act), the department issues export certification that confirms the animal(s) meet the importing country requirements. For greyhounds, export permits and health certificates are issued in the same manner as for any other breed of dog.

Under the Act, decisions to refuse a Notice of Intention to export live animals (other than livestock), or to refuse to issue an export permit and/or health certificate, are possible on a case-by-case basis only if the animal does not meet the importing country or relevant legislative requirements.

Once exported dogs reach their overseas destination, they come under the jurisdiction of the importing country. There is currently no regulatory power to control the use of greyhounds, or any other dog, once they have been exported to another country, nor to track further movements to other countries should they subsequently occur.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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