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SCOTTISH CROFTING FOUNDATION WELCOMES THE ENDING OF MEAT EXPORT BAN.

The Scottish Crofting Foundation welcomes the announcement of the ending of the meat export ban to Europe on the 12th of October subject to no further outbreaks outwith the surveillance zone. SCF Vice Chairman Neil MacLeod said today: “Hopefully the lifting of the ban will come in time to save the light lamb export trade for this year but there may still be a need for a welfare disposal scheme in some cases. It shall however be treated with caution with the 30 day residency and the 21 day movement rules still in place, there are many complications and hurdles to cross and it will not be easy for many to comply but we strongly urge our members to observe the remaining restrictions.

We need to keep pushing for immediate reviews of the export restrictions so that the industry can try and get back on its feet.

With the store sales having commenced today we hope this will mark the beginning of the end of yet another disastrous episode for the livestock industry in Scotland.

We also await to hear the UK Governments proposal regarding compensation.”

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