

Media Release

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION POSTERS ON HUMANE HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE

In line with the HSA's objective of raising welfare standards for food animals worldwide, the charity's simple, but effective, posters on the humane handling and stunning of livestock have now been translated into Chinese.

For some months, the HSA has been having discussions with organisations in China to share knowledge, resources and HSA expertise on farm animal welfare and humane slaughter science and innovation with the Chinese livestock industry. The posters, which can be downloaded via the HSA's website (www.hsa.org.uk) are designed to give a quick reference in the workplace or during training to help ensure best practice. They join a suite of posters and other material which have already been translated and are available to download free of charge from the charity's website.

Charles Mason, Technical Director of the HSA said: "We are grateful to our members and donors whose support has enabled us to make these translations. We are delighted to be able to work with Chinese industry, to assist with promoting good practices for improving the welfare of farmed animals during transport, marketing and at slaughter."

Since its foundation over 100 years ago, the HSA has been a significant force in bringing about fundamental and long-lasting improvements in food animal welfare, many of which we now take for granted. The charity is internationally recognised for its livestock expertise and provides education and training in the fields of transport, marketing and slaughter in the United Kingdom and around the world.

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Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

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