

Kent Against Live Exports (KALE)



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Friday 26th August 2011

Dear all;

‘J21’

***KALE REPORT on the LIVESTOCK SHIPMENT from RAMSGATE to CALAIS
overnight 24th to 25th August 2011 .***

***VESSEL: M.V. JOLINE; small Ro-Ro with single, open deck (i.e. no shelter from the
elements for anything carried on the deck) Capacity six articulated lorries.
Registered in Riga, Latvia.***

***CONDITIONS: During the day there was a strong wind blowing which eased in the
evening; but the sea was still lively. Dry with clear skies and good visibility.***

***There was a strong contingent of protestors from KALE and the Thanet group,
numbering about seventy (70) people in all .
Kent Constabulary also attended and aggressively policed this protest.***

***Vessel ‘Joline’ arrived at Ramsgate from Calais just after 2300hrs and went
immediately to anchor off the port; obviously having to wait whilst one of the
regular Ramsgate ferries occupied the Ro-Ro berth.***

Livestock Transporters Arriving at Ramsgate

***0003hrs. No. 1. Registration number BZ HX 63 (front) / OF 68 RN (rear).
Nationality: DUTCH; no name visible but the black cab, which looked very new, had
a striking red and white logo on the sides. The trailer, in contrast, is old and has***

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completed numerous “livestock for slaughter “ runs via various ports going back at least at least six years. This vehicle was carrying sheep.

0006hrs. No. 2. Registration number 07 MN 37 (front and rear). Nationality: Southern Ireland, (MN= County Monaghan 07 = 2007; the year of registration). Name: HUNTER INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT (associated, we believe, with a company called ‘Wicklow’; operating many facets of the livestock/dairy trade). Carrying calves; crying and distressed.



0006hrs. No. 3. Registration number 07 C 30417 (C = County Cork). Nationality: Southern Ireland. Name: HUNTER INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT as with the previous carrier; (although the vehicle is not registered in the same county); also carrying calves. Both vehicles may have collected their calves from a supply farm in the West Country of the Uk.

0022hrs. No.4. Registration number DIL 144 (very regular visitor), Nationality: Northern Ireland. Name L.W. BOYD. This lorry, which comprised of a wagon and drag (drawbar unit) came in very fast and sent the calves scrabbling for a foothold.

0040hrs. No.5. Registration number 06 D 45908 Nationality: Southern Ireland. Name J.P. FAHY (‘J.P.F. TRANSPORT’ on rear of trailer) (D in registration = the city and county of Dublin). The whole vehicle looked dirty, scruffy and worn; carrying very smelly calves. This lorry was preceded by a

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small saloon car which is now the subject of investigation as both KALE and the police try to establish many facts.

The driver of the car was arrested by Kent police, who, amid all the confusion, over-reacted to the situation.

After the livestock transporters had entered the docks, there was a very long wait until around 0300hrs when the vessel 'Joline' was allowed to berth at the port. KALE has no idea why there was such a delay, but during the interval at least one of the lorries would have been inspected by Animal Health; complying with their practice of inspecting at least one in every three vehicles.

When the vessel 'Joline' finally docked she was already carrying three vehicles on her deck (presumed empty). These had the following registration numbers:

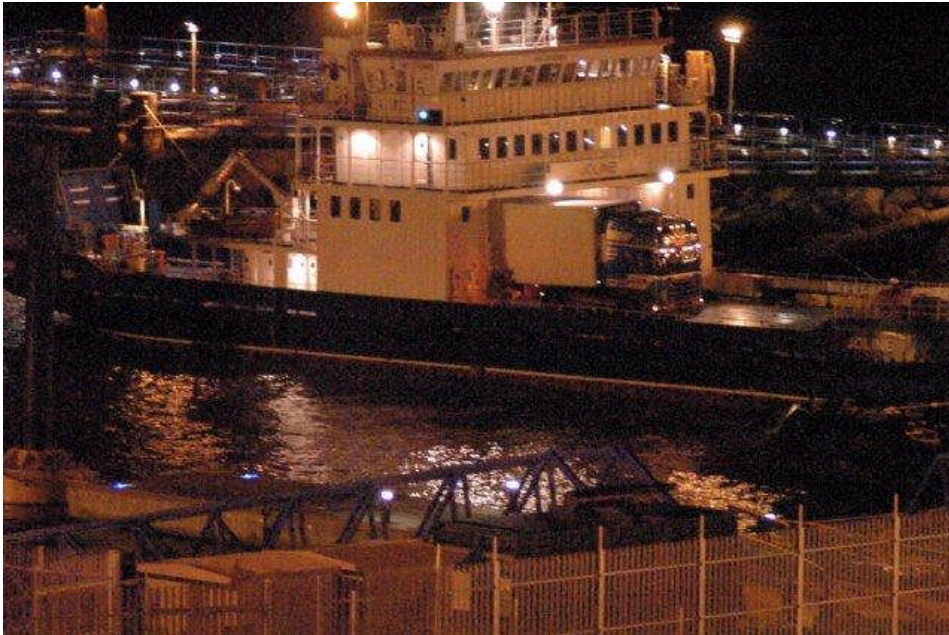
- 1. Registration BN XH 63 'F de Jong'; Nationality: Dutch, with articulated livestock trailer (watch out for this registration in the next report – 'J22').***



KALE Archive Photo - BN XH 63 of 'F de Jong'

- 2. Registration BT JD 75. No name; White Scania cab. Nationality: also Dutch with articulated livestock trailer. This departed the docks.***

The third vehicle carried over (to Ramsgate) on the vessel 'Joline' from Calais was a white, unaccompanied box trailer. This trailer was taken off the 'Joline' by the cab (tractor) unit of F de Jong's vehicle (BN XH 63). The driver uncoupled his own trailer and coupled up to the white box trailer; then driving it off the vessel 'Joline'.



He then uncoupled the box trailer and left it standing alone in the docks. The driver then re-coupled to his own trailer and drove out of the docks.

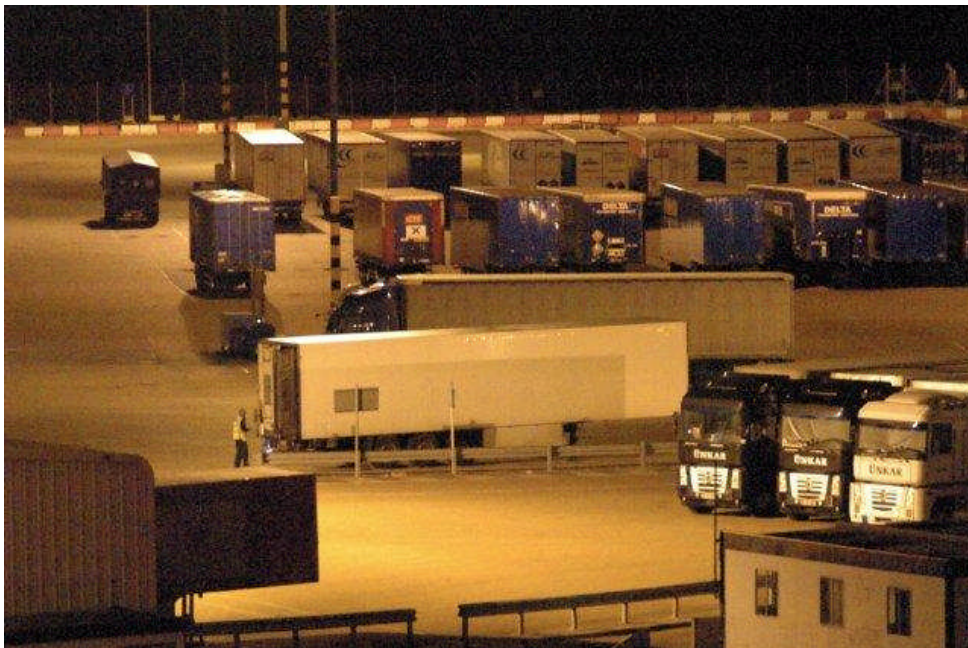
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The white box trailer was then the subject of quite some investigation by port workers who scanned around the whole trailer (probably to check it was not being used for people smuggling –maybe a ‘people in, livestock out’ type policy). One of the rear doors was opened to check inside.



These box trailer doors are fitted with small circular air vents; some of which have square covers. KALE believe that this type of solid sided box trailer was very similar to that used by animal exporters in a scam uncovered at the port of Dover back at the end of 2009, when over 320 live sheep were discovered inside a sealed

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box trailer carried on board a P&O ferry; having been declared to the Uk authorities, the ferry company and detailed on the manifest as carrying 'boxed meat'. It was only by the good work of the P&O crew on ship that this scam of 320 live sheep and not any 'boxed meat' was detected.

Within Ramsgate harbour, the four transporters which had earlier arrived carrying calves, and also the one carrying sheep, then boarded the vessel 'Joline'.

She departed the port of Ramsgate shortly before 0500hrs bound for Calais.

Information from contacts within France says that the 'Joline' left Calais again immediately after unloading this consignment of transporters, and headed back across the Channel to Ramsgate for the consignment detailed in Report 'J22' – soon to be published.

***Exciting News – Further actions to be continued in KALE report 'J22'.
Coming Soon !!***

This is KALE Report 'J21' compiled on Friday 26th August 2011 by

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Regards – the KALE Crew.

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