

Kent Against Live Exports (KALE)



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Friday 26th August 2011

Dear all;

KALE REPORT 'J22' on the LIVESTOCK SHIPMENT from RAMSGATE to CALAIS on Thursday the 25th August 2011.

VESSEL : M.V. JOLINE. Very small Ro-Ro (ex Soviet battle tank carrier / river barge) with a single, open deck. Registered in Riga, Latvia.

This vessel has no (salt water spray) shelter for any animals carried in transporters on deck. Maximum capacity of six articulated livestock lorries.

CONDITIONS: During the afternoon the wind from the SSW was gusting between force five and six; however the wind dropped during the evening. Dry, with sunny intervals.

This shipment was attended by KALE monitors and Thanet Group protestors numbering about twenty (20) persons.

Kent police also attended, attempting to dictate where protestors should stand.

After the previous shipment (See KALE Report 'J21') when vessel 'Joline' left Ramsgate in the early hours of Thursday (25th) morning (having crossed from Calais during the previous evening); she arrived back at Calais just after 0935hrs, unloaded immediately and at 1100hrs headed back towards Ramsgate.

Arriving at about 1500hrs, she entered the port and docked.

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LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTERS IN FULL

1523hrs. No.1. Registration number BN XH 63 (front) / OB 29 JS (rear).

Nationality: DUTCH. Name: 'F. de Jong'; carrying sheep.

The cab (tractor) unit of this vehicle was the one that drove the unaccompanied white box trailer off the vessel 'Joline' before exiting the docks with its own trailer, as described in the previous KALE report 'J 21'.



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

**1523hrs No.2. Registration number VMS 073B (front) / QGL 375 (rear).
Nationality: BELGIAN. Name 'MAES'; grey and green articulated transporter
carrying sheep in 3 tiers.**



'MAES' - 3 Tier - Sheep.

1524hrs No.3. Registration number BZ HX 63 (front)/ OD 39 DD (rear).

Nationality: DUTCH. No name observed. Carrying x 3 tiers of sheep.

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BZ HX 63 – 3 Tier - Sheep

***This cab unit BZ HX 63 was having a busy day ! – during the early hours of the morning it had boarded the vessel ‘Joline’ carrying sheep in trailer OF 68 RN.
When the ‘Joline’ arrived in Calais, it must have driven directly to a dropping off point very close to the port; hitched up to a fresh trailer (OD 39 DD), then quickly headed back to Calais for a conventional ferry (or even the Euro Tunnel); then arriving back in Kent to acquire another load of sheep !
We wonder if the same driver was involved for both trips ?
Obviously; no questions about driver hours. All rules obeyed in animal transport haulage !***

***1524hrs. No.4. Registration number BT JG 68 (front) / WY 97 ZT (rear).
Nationality: DUTCH. No name observed; double grey trailers with black edging; carrying sheep.***

***We then settled down to await the arrival of transporter number 5, which we had been informed was ‘coming’. However, after a short time we learned there was no other transporter due to arrive. At this point the(Kent) police left the docks.
Observation of the vessel ‘Joline’ in the berth revealed that two livestock carriers had already boarded. Also on board was another articulated lorry; a white cab (tractor) unit attached to a white box trailer fitted with the curious air vents on the rear doors.***

Sound familiar ?- see previous KALE report J21.

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Obviously the box trailer from earlier in the day (which had been brought off the vessel 'Joline' by 'F de Jong's' tractor unit Reg no. BN XH 63 – see photo above).

This box trailer was just left on the dock at Ramsgate and KALE has not been able to establish a registration number for this box trailer yet.

*After much investigation by KALE it was discovered that this box trailer was loaded with **BABY CHICKS**, therefore at some point during the day it must have departed the docks at Ramsgate (attached to what cab unit ???) and travelled somewhere not too far distant, and acquired the load of chicks.*

*The box trailer boarded the 'Joline' when she docked.
It was then a good 20 minutes before anything else happened.*

1626hrs The 'F de Jong' transporter and the double transporter (see No. 4) drove onto the vessel 'Joline'. The link span to the ship from the harbour is not a smooth run on; it is very uneven and the transporters were clanking and bumping up and down whilst loading - a very noisy and uncomfortable process.

At this point an Animal Health employee came rushing down with a sheaf of papers in her hand; so obviously the hold up had been due to documentation.

Vessel 'Joline' then had to wait while the regular ferry 'Gardenia' approached the port, entered and docked adjacent to the 'Joline'.

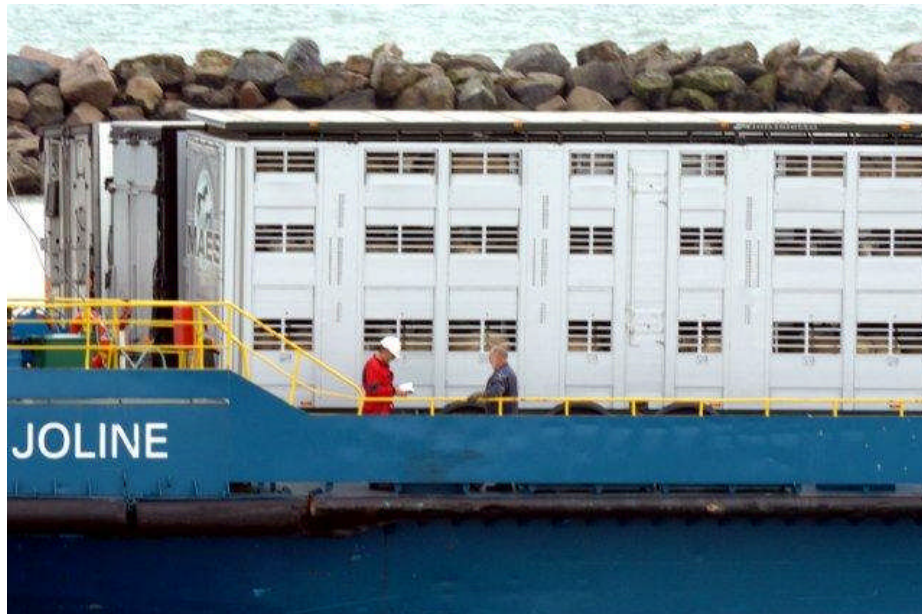
Peter Z; the agent for the 'Joline' operations, then rushed down the link-span and looked to be letting go a mooring rope which a crew member of 'Joline'; dressed in a white hard hat and bright red overalls; then pulled on board. What a useful agent !

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Needless to say, on both this and the previous shipment; Peter Z was greeted and sent on his departures with much jeering from the crowd.

At 1710hrs the 'Joline' left Ramsgate, bound for Calais .



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This is KALE report for shipment 'J22' compiled on 26th August 2011.

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Regards – the KALE Crew.

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