

# Shechita UK

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Following the British Government's response to the Consultation on the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing, representatives of Shechita UK issued the following statements:

Henry Grunwald QC, OBE, Chairman of Shechita UK: **"We are extremely pleased that following a series of meetings and conversations with Defra officials and a formal consultation process that the Government has agreed to retain existing national rules and remains committed to Shechita in the UK.**

**Despite this positive result, it is very clear from the consultation responses that there remain many organisations and members of the public, who still actively campaign for an end to shechita in the UK - evidently there is much more work still to be done."**

Shimon Cohen, spokesman for Shechita UK added: **"The Government's decision not to introduce further national rules concerning Shechita, despite the vociferous campaigns to restrict and even ban it altogether, is a testament to the lobbying work of the team at Shechita UK over the last year. We have formed strong relationships with key officials at the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and an understanding at key levels of Government. Our work cannot stop with this success and we are grateful for the community's support."**

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