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## Cows might fly: Ireland to jet calves to Europe to cut travel time

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Irish authorities have announced plans to fly unweaned dairy calves from [Ireland](#) to other EU destinations from May, in an effort to address growing unease about the length of the journeys made by thousands of animals shipped each year to mainland Europe.

The Irish government has been subject to [sustained scrutiny](#) over live calf exports and the decision to experiment with flights, which will significantly cut travel time, comes as a European parliament [committee of inquiry](#) examines alleged failures across Europe in enforcing rules on protecting transported animals.