

RE: Commit to No Live Sales of Decapods to the Public

Dear Sainsbury's,

I am writing to you to ask you to update your animal welfare policies in relation to crustacean decapods which includes lobsters, crabs, langoustines, and prawns.

In 2022 decapod crustaceans were recognised by law in the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act which means they can feel pain and joy just like other animals.

You have published animal welfare policies for your other animals in the food chain, including ASC farmed fish and prawns and as a customer I would like to see the same commitment to decapods. No one should be able to buy a live animal to kill at home, this would not be accepted for any other sentient animal, and we need to update those expectations to include decapods.

I support Crustacean Compassion's campaign 'no live sales of decapods to the public' and as a major retailer including this in your welfare policies would send a clear message to everyone including seafood retailers that cruelty to these animals will not be tolerated.

I understand you might not sell them at this point but a commitment in your animal welfare policy would demonstrate that you support animal welfare no matter if they wear fur, feathers, or a shell.

Your slogan is 'Eat Well for Less' and as a customer of Sainsbury's I hope that is not at the cost of higher animal welfare commitments.

Yours sincerely,

Contact us at info@crustaceancompassion.org