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Addressee: Scheme Manager of Certification Entities

SUBJECT: Clarification on hospital pens on farms in modules 01 – Fattening pigs and 02 – Sows and piglets

The Welfare Quality protocols for pigs on the farm establish that hospital pens should not be evaluated. However, the characteristics that a hospital pen must have to be considered as such are not described.

For the assessment of the Welfair® Scheme certification, it is established that a pen can be considered as a hospital pen only when the animals have twice the space available than that required by law for the different categories of animals. That is, for fattening pigs of 85 kg LW, have 1.3 m²/animal; for fattening pigs of >110 kg LW, have 2 m²/animal, etc.

This standard applies to all pigs housed in groups.

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Sincerely,

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