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Addressee: Scheme Manager of the Certification Entities and Lead Auditors Welfair®

SUBJECT: Training for Animal Welfare Officer at Slaughterhouse

The protocols *Based on Welfare Quality and Welfare Quality Inspired* used for the assessment of the Welfair® certification in modules 11 – Swine for meat in slaughterhouse, 12 – Beef for meat in slaughterhouse, 13 – Broilers for meat in slaughterhouse, 14 – Rabbit for meat in the slaughterhouse, 15 – Sheep and goats for meat in the slaughterhouse, 16 – Turkey for meat in the slaughterhouse and 22 – Quail for meat in the slaughterhouse, require training for the Slaughterhouse Animal Welfare Officer who they define as superior to the rest of the operators, according to their functions, and so on.

Given the doubts generated by the interpretation of these definitions and after consulting with the scientific responsible for the protocols, we consider that any of the following options can be accepted as adequate training for an Animal Welfare Officer in a slaughterhouse:

- Courses and certificates that the Competent Authority has established as specific courses for Animal Welfare Officer in slaughterhouses.
- Official courses of the modules *Based on Welfare Quality and Welfare Quality Inspired* mentioned above
- Any other course aimed at slaughterhouse Animal Welfare Officer that meets the following conditions:
 - o Theoretical session of at least 1 journey and practical session of at least 4 hours
 - o Done by an animal welfare expert who has indexed scientific publications related to animal welfare in slaughterhouses.

Effective as of: next business day from the date of communication.

Sincerely,

Technical manager of the Welfair® Certification Scheme