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

SUBJECT: Scope of certification in slaughterhouse modules

We remind you that the certificates issued for the slaughterhouse modules in the Welfair® Animal Welfare Certification are only valid for the stunning method assessed during third-party audits.

We have been inform that some slaughterhouses are moving away from CO₂ stunning due to its high cost and are switching to electric as the primary method of stunning. In these cases, as in any other case of changing the main stunning method, the product cannot be considered certified until the new method has been validated in an audit (monitoring or extraordinary) and included within the scope of the certificate.

This does not apply in cases where the auxiliary stunning system is used for a short period of time due to a failure of the main system.

In those slaughterhouses where more than one slaughter line is to be included within the certification scope, the sampling of the affected measures must be distributed proportionally to the annual volume of animals slaughtered in each of the lines. The legislation checklist must be fully evaluated in each of the lines.

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

Sincerely,

Technical manager of the Welfair® Certification Scheme