



Certificate following animal welfare audit and training

The research group Animal&Welfare of KULeuven-Thomas More campus Geel has carried out an animal welfare audit on the 8th of March and the 15th of May 2019 at the slaughterhouse **Westvlees NV**, part of the Belgian Pork Group and located at Ommegang West 9, 8840 Westrozebeke.

The welfare of the pigs was assessed by means of the Welfare Quality[®] protocol. In addition to this protocol environmental parameters were registered and behavioural observations were carried out. Special attention on driving to the restrainer without using the electric prod.

Based on this, a protocol for prod-free driving was composed and a specific training program for the staff was developed. This workshop 'on the floor' deals with "handling pigs in an animal-friendly and efficient way: prod-free driving". The staff received the training on the 19th of June, the 23th of July and the 27th of August 2019.

The research group Animal&Welfare of KULeuven-Thomas More campus Geel will, on request, further monitor the slaughterhouse and guide the floor personnel in the transition process to achieve the complete banning of the electric prod in the slaughterhouse.

Geel, 24st of December 2019

The auditor/course leader/researcher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Van Thielen".

J. Van Thielen