Policy statement

Animal welfare management

The humane treatment of our animals along the entire process chain is an absolute minimum requirement for Westfleisch. The welfare of animals farmed for food production depends on many factors throughout the husbandry, transportation and slaughtering process. The implementation of animal welfare procedures from delivery to the first step of the slaughtering process is the shared responsibility of everyone involved. Our processes are supported by number-based records and statistical evaluations, which allow us to quickly identify any necessary improvements in our animal welfare policy.

Communication

We will continue to reinforce and promote the importance of animal welfare in the future via our predefined internal and external communication platforms. Westfleisch is an established contact partner for questions regarding the implementation of animal welfare policies and communicates directly with its agricultural producers to promote compliance with all the legal requirements. We maintain close cooperation with authorities, institutions and qualified partners on an ongoing basis.

Controlling processes

Efficient analytical records of all animal welfare processes are kept by qualified chief animal welfare officers at all Westfleisch slaughterhouses to support a continuous process of improvement. Animal welfare measures are coordinated by our team and directly implemented within the Group.

Training

Our employees have to make decisions on how to handle the animals on site on a daily basis. Regular and topical training courses promote understanding of animal behaviour and increase employees' knowledge of good practices in all animal-related activities. Westfleisch is committed to offering training and development programmes in this area, documenting processes and providing suitable work equipment.

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