



## ***Certificate following animal welfare audit and training***

The research group Animal&Welfare of KULeuven-Thomas More campus Geel has carried out an elaborate animal welfare audit on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 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<sup>®</sup> protocol. In addition to this protocol environmental parameters were registered and behavioural observations were carried out.

Based on this, an audit report was composed and a specific training program for the staff was drawn up. The training deals with 'handling pigs in an animal-friendly and efficient way'. The staff received the training on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2017.

A follow-up audit with respect to animal welfare took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017. The transporters of the supplied live pigs received a specific 'animal-friendly handling of pigs' training as well on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2017.

The research group Animal&Welfare of KULeuven-Thomas More campus Geel will follow-up on the activities at the slaughterhouse regularly using the above mentioned protocol. Each time an audit report will be provided and based on the findings adequate extra training will be given to the staff.

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