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Certification Bodies

Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)

Extension of the eligibility of delivery of all ITW-certified sites

Dear Sir or Madam,

due to the current spread of the coronavirus, the **eligibility of delivery of all ITW-certified sites will be extended by two months** (changeover in the ITW database on March 26th, 2020).

This means that, in accordance with the extended ITW eligibility of delivery, any necessary ITW audits will have to be carried out at a later date (see also our letter of 20 March 2020).

Should it be possible or planned to carry out ITW audits in spite of the current situation, it still applies that they can only be carried out if both the company to be audited and the auditor have expressly agreed to the performance of the audit.

We will inform the farms participating in the Animal Welfare Initiative in the same way today.

Recovery of ITW eligibility of delivery after failed audits (valid only for poultry farms)

The two-month extension of the ITW eligibility of delivery **applies to all sites currently entitled to deliver in the Initiative Tierwohl**, but not to those that are not currently entitled to deliver for ITW due to a failed ITW audit.

Poultry farms - in contrast to pig farms - can participate again after a failed ITW audit. For this purpose, however, it is generally necessary to conduct a new ITW audit on site.

If, however, the failed audit revealed only documentary deviations and if, at the discretion of the certification body, a document check is sufficient to restore the ITW delivery authorization, please contact the ITW office directly in order to coordinate the further procedure.

The measures communicated by us in our letters of March 10th and 20th 2020 remain valid.

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For the protection of both, the auditors and the employees of the audited companies, please observe the hygiene rules in a particular manner. Information on this can be found on the website of the World Health Organization www.who.int.

Kind regards,

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