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OSI Europe Holds Animal Welfare Training Session for Suppliers

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In September 2015, OSI Europe organized two animal welfare trainings for suppliers in Europe, one for pork suppliers and one for chicken suppliers. Both were performed by a well-known training and consultancy institute for animal welfare.

The training for pork suppliers was held on September 10 at the OSI plant in Günzburg, Germany. The topic was 'Animal Welfare at Pig Slaughter – Standards and Good Practice.' Subjects included pre-slaughter handling (ramp, lairage and the drive to stunning), as well as various stunning methods.

Well-known consultant Dr. Karen von Holleben provided training with a practical view and key focus on the animals. She presented several videos that showed both acceptable and unacceptable examples of issues that can arise at a slaughterhouse. These examples were discussed by participants from Russia, Ukraine, Germany and an OSI customer team. The suppliers present expressed their plans to train their own suppliers on the different topics covered at the session.

The training for chicken was held at a chicken supplier in Hungary on September 14-15. The topic was 'Animal Welfare at Slaughter of Poultry – Standards and Good Practice.' Dr. Martin von Wenzlawowicz, a well-respected consultant, gave insight into relevant EU legislation, relevant impacts of breeding and husbandry and pre-slaughter handling (transport, lairage, hanging), as well as electrical stunning and slaughtering. On the second day, the group visited the slaughterhouse. Here a detailed analysis of the process was carried out and the results and possible improvements were discussed by the team afterwards.

Animal welfare programs and practices are supported and enforced within OSI facilities and those of the company's suppliers. Training sessions such as these are part of OSI's plan for continuous improvement and the effort to raise awareness of this key issue.

About OSI

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