



Animal Welfare Policy Statement

Incorporating:

Thomas Foods International Murray Bridge Est.533

At Thomas foods International we adhere to strict animal welfare guidelines. These guidelines have been developed in accordance to the Australian Standard for animal welfare, EU legislation and the approved TFI Animal Welfare program.

The owner or manager of the animals is responsible for them until they are received by the establishment. Only animals fit to travel should be selected and presented for transport.

Upon arrival animals have access to potable water, and if animals are to be held for another day they shall have access to feed.

TFI is highly committed to Animal Welfare standards to ensure all animal welfare practices are implemented effectively. These practices are effectively verified and have been integrated throughout the process from animal arrival to slaughter.

All employees that work with animals are experienced, trained & briefed on the humane handling of stock in accordance to the regulatory requirements.

Staff are trained in animal behavior, animal handling and have training in distinguishing between healthy fit for slaughter animals, and those that require isolation for further inspection.

All animals are inspected prior to slaughter for disposition by an on plant Department of Agriculture Veterinary officer.

References

- <http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/files/2011/02/Cattle-Standards-and-Guidelines-for-Endorsement-May-0807141.pdf>
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