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## LSS – SUPPLY CHAIN IN ISRAEL

Livestock Shipping Services (LSS) is aware of allegations surrounding a possible breach of OIE and ESCAS animal welfare standards in a facility that is one of several in the company's Israel cattle supply chain. LSS understand that Israeli authorities are investigating accordingly.

LSS takes all welfare allegations very seriously and will not tolerate the mistreatment of animals in its supply chain by any individual in any manner.

Since being made aware of the allegations LSS has worked with the owner/operator of the facility to ensure that livestock supplied by LSS remaining in the supply chain are controlled and managed in a way that prevents them harm including;

- Immediately dismissing several employees at the facility found to be acting not in accordance with standard operating procedures and operations,
- Immediately having the operator of the facility agree to full management and control of the livestock slaughter process coming under the authority of Australian representatives in the market,
- Engaging and sending directly to the facility an Australian qualified veterinary consultant to review and assess slaughter procedures with full control and authority to modify and correct any process in the supply chain,
- Commencement of an immediate intensive re-training and specialist evaluation program around point of slaughter operations to ensure OIE standards are met on a consistent basis,.

The facility at the centre of the allegations is heavily reliant on Australian livestock that forms the majority of supply for its operations. Since being made aware of these allegations management of the facility has actioned immediately to address the concerns raised and worked proactively and co-operatively with Australian exporters to address the issues.

LSS is working closely with the Department of Agriculture on the matter and is keeping them fully informed of ongoing corrective actions.

LSS has invested and continues to invest heavily in programs in Israel and throughout the wider Middle East region.

LSS supports the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System and is fully transparent with all areas of ESCAS regulation. Through its relationships with importers LSS is fully committed to building a strong and compliant supply chain and livestock export trade with Israel to ultimately benefit Australian producers.

No person likes to see animals mistreated in life or death and LSS remains committed to ensuring that all livestock, Australian or otherwise are treated appropriately with the respect they deserve.

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