



Press release  
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## **Animal welfare: Carrefour conducts an independent audit of all of its slaughterhouses and becomes the first French retailer to ask for cameras to be installed inside them**

**In line with its previous commitments to animal welfare, Carrefour has launched a completely independent audit of all abattoirs which supply products to be sold under its Carrefour, Carrefour Bio and Reflets de France brands, as well as products for its Carrefour Quality Lines for compliance with the Animal Protection reference framework created by the Œuvre d'assistance aux Bêtes d'Abattoirs (an organisation founded to ensure animal welfare in slaughterhouses). At the same time, Carrefour becomes the first French retailer to ask for cameras to be installed inside its slaughterhouses.**

### **84 audits will be conducted before the end of 2019.**

To conduct these audits, Carrefour will use the terms of reference drawn up by the OABA based on the Animal Protection reference framework. The association will also train auditors from Bureau Veritas, the fully independent inspection and certification body, which will be carrying out checks throughout 2019.

To implement this project, Carrefour has signed a tripartite agreement with the OABA and Bureau Veritas which will be conducting the audits.

### **The first audit was conducted on 20 December at the Limoges slaughterhouse.**

Finally, to ensure complete transparency regarding all of its slaughtering conditions, Carrefour is tightening its inspection procedures. **As of today, Carrefour becomes the first French retailer to ask all of its suppliers to fit cameras in their slaughterhouses.**

A pilot project will be carried out in collaboration with the Cooperl cooperative. It will install cameras at its three slaughterhouses and then share the results of the test with Carrefour and the OABA.

This initiative is designed to tighten the checks that are already carried out and ensure the continued cooperation that the Group has enjoyed for more than 30 years with its suppliers and livestock farmers.

### **About the Œuvre d'Assistance aux Bêtes d'Abattoirs**

The Œuvre d'Assistance aux Bêtes d'Abattoirs is a non-profit-making organisation that was founded in 1961 and then recognised as being in the public interest in 1965. The OABA was the first (and for a long time the only) association committed to protecting animal livestock. Founded to improve the conditions under which animals are slaughtered, in 1964 the OABA succeeded in getting the "humanitarian slaughtering" law passed, making it compulsory to stun animals (with special dispensation for animals slaughtered for religious purposes). Its board of directors is made up of veterinary surgeons, lawyers and magistrates. The association's main remit involves visiting slaughterhouses and conducting audits to ensure compliance with animal welfare regulations and improving the conditions under which animals are slaughtered. Another of the OABA's missions is to recover abandoned herds. For more information, visit: [www.oaba.fr](http://www.oaba.fr)



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