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Hilton Worldwide Commits to Improving Animal Welfare in Supply Chain

Hospitality Leader Switches to Cage-Free Eggs, Gestation Crate-Free Pork

MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hilton Worldwide announced today that it will begin to eliminate the use of cages for egg-laying chickens and gestation crates for breeding pigs in its global food supply chain. The announcement was made in conjunction with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the nation's largest animal protection organization.

Initially all hotels in the Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Canopy by Hilton and DoubleTree by Hilton brands will be required to switch all egg usage to cage-free by December 31, 2017, ensuring that chickens are not confined in cages. All pork products must be purchased from suppliers that house breeding pigs in groups rather than gestation crates by December 31, 2018. These changes will initially apply in 19 countries where products are currently available and will be adopted in additional markets as supply comes online. These actions are part of the company's global responsible sourcing strategy, which includes a focus on animal welfare. Last year, Hilton announced a global ban of the sale of shark fin in all owned and managed properties.

"Hilton Worldwide's new animal welfare commitment will substantially improve countless animals' lives," said Josh Balk, senior food policy director for The Humane Society of the United States. "We welcome Hilton Worldwide's leadership and look forward to helping the company progress in its work to make life better for farm animals."

"We are committed to addressing key issues throughout our business and supply chain and responsibly serving our guests and communities in a range of areas," added Jennifer Silberman, vice president, corporate responsibility for Hilton Worldwide. "With more than 2,000 restaurants in our global footprint, our goal is to have a considerable impact on sustainable sourcing in our industry as well as drive humane treatment of animals throughout our supply chain."

About The Humane Society of the United States

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization, rated [most effective](#) by our peers. For 60 years, we have celebrated the protection of all animals and confronted all forms of cruelty. We are the nation's largest provider of [hands-on services](#) for animals, caring for more than 100,000 animals each year, and we prevent cruelty to millions more through our [advocacy campaigns](#). Read more about our 60 years of [transformational change](#) for animals and people, and visit us online at humanesociety.org.

About Hilton Worldwide

Hilton Worldwide (NYSE: HLT) is a leading global hospitality company, spanning the lodging sector from luxury and full-service hotels and resorts to extended-stay suites and focused-service hotels. For 95 years, Hilton Worldwide has been dedicated to continuing its tradition of providing exceptional guest experiences. The company's portfolio of twelve world-class global brands is comprised of more than 4,300 managed, franchised, owned and leased hotels and timeshare properties, with more than 715,000 rooms in 94 countries and territories, including Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Canopy by Hilton, Curio - A Collection by Hilton, DoubleTree by Hilton, Embassy Suites Hotels, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Hotels, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Home2 Suites by Hilton and Hilton Grand Vacations. The company also manages an award-winning customer loyalty program, Hilton HHonors®. Visit news.hiltonworldwide.com for more information and connect with Hilton Worldwide at <http://www.facebook.com/hiltonworldwide>, www.twitter.com/hiltonworldwide, www.youtube.com/hiltonworldwide, <http://www.flickr.com/hiltonworldwide>, and www.linkedin.com/company/hilton-worldwide.

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