

Animal Welfare and Material Guidelines

The objective of these guidelines is to encourage, promote and strive to secure good husbandry practices and respectful treatment of animals, from farm to slaughter house (including but not limited to all handling of animals in connection with breeding, transports, harvesting and shearing) regarding products and materials originating from animals.

Suppliers are encouraged to strengthen the control over their respective part of the supply chain and to place the same demands on their sub-contractors.

All parties are encouraged to cooperate to improve the industry dialogue and enhance traceability and transparency, down to farm level.

Breeders and all parties handling the animals should adhere to the Five Freedoms defined by EU Farm Animal Welfare Council/World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

The five freedoms are:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom to express normal behavior
- Freedom from fear and distress

Materials must not originate from vulnerable or endangered species. All parties involved, handling the animals and/or the materials, shall follow national and international legislation regarding forbidden materials. They must also respect and follow international agreements, such as the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

All suppliers are encouraged to provide information of origin of the materials as detailed as possible.

In our shoes we only accept leather and fur coming from animals where the materials are a residual product from the meat processing industry.

Animal Hair and Fur

NilsonGroup do NOT accept animal hairs or fur from:

- Cats
- Dogs
- Karakul lambs
- Lambs/sheep subjected to mulesing
- Animals brought up in cages for their hair
- Animals brought up for their fur
- Endangered species or exotic animals

NilsonGroup is a member of Fur Free Alliance since 2011.

Down and Feathers

NilsonGroup do NOT accept down from:

- Live plucked birds or from farms practicing live-plucking
- Farms that practice force-feeding
- Endangered species or exotic animals

Leathers and skins

Only leather from animals that are also used for meat production is accepted. Leather or skin must not be obtained from living or aborted animals. Skins from wild-caught animals, exotic animals or cats and dogs must not be used. To use skins or hides from cats or dogs are not allowed according to Swedish/EU legislation.

NilsonGroup do NOT accept leathers and skins from:

- Cats
- Dogs
- Karakul lamb
- Lambs/sheep subjected to mulesing
- Animals brought up, caught and killed only for their skin or fur as mink, fox, rabbit etc
- Endangered or exotic animals

Bones, Horns and Shell

NilsonGroup only accept any bone, teeth, shell, claws and horn coming from the meat processing industry.

PVC

NilsonGroup does not accept PVC being used in any products or accessories.

If you have any questions regarding our materials, please let us know at quality@nilsongroup.com

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