

Annex 3 to the Business Partner Declaration on Sustainability: Animal welfare

To all Otto Group business partners for merchandise

Integral part of the Business Partner Declaration

The Annex is an integral part of the Business Partner Declaration. All conditions referred to in this declaration and in the Business Partner Declaration are binding for the business partner.

Scope of application

The following requirements apply to all business partners involved in the Group's own (own and licensed brands), non-Group (brands) merchandise and to marketplace partners.

Detailed requirements concerning animal welfare and accepted animal welfare standards

Requirements for materials of animal origin

Animal welfare is a key concern for the Otto Group. We are committed to ensuring that the animals from which we source animal materials for use in our products are treated ethically and appropriately. The following specifications apply to the use of materials and products of animal origin. An overview of the scientific names of the animal materials permitted by the Otto Group and the standards and certificates accepted by the Otto Group are listed at the end of this Annex.

The use of products or product components from **endangered animal species¹** is not permitted.

The following requirements additionally apply to animal materials in textiles and hardware:

The Otto Group is part of Fur Free Retailer Initiative and **prohibits the use of real fur**. The use of artificial fur is permitted and must be clearly labeled as such.

The use of **all other animal materials** (e.g. angora wool, mohair wool, coral, bird eggs, snail shells) that are not mentioned in the following materials of animal origin **is prohibited**.

All evidence demonstrating compliance with the requirements below must be available at the business partner's premises and presented upon request.

¹ As defined in CITES Appendices I and II. CITES is the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, which monitors international trade in endangered and protected species.

1. Leather and hides²

Only leather and hides from the following domesticated animal species are permitted:

Cow, buffalo, pig, goat, sheep and yak.

The use of leather and hide from newborn and aborted animals (known as astrakhan, broadtail, karakul, krimmer, Persian lamb, swakara, etc.) is explicitly **prohibited**.

The scientific name of the animal must always be stated for products containing leather and hide.

2. Down and feathers

Down and feathers from birds that have been plucked alive or come from foie gras production are **prohibited**.

Up to order date³ December 31, 2027, products with non-certified down and feathers from animal species other than ducks, geese and chickens may only be purchased and sold if the following safeguarding requirements are all available and have been checked:

Scientific name of the animal and region of origin confirming that this is a domesticated and non-endangered species (according to CITES Appendices I and II) and proof of by-product status in food production (e.g. written supplier confirmation).

From order date³ January 1, 2028, only products containing down and feathers that are certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group may be purchased and sold.

3. Sheep's wool

Wool from sheep on which “mulesing”⁴ has been practiced is prohibited. The use of Australian wool is only permitted if it has been certified according to an independent animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group.

From order date³ January 1, 2028, only products containing sheep’s wool that are certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group may be purchased and sold.

4. Alpaca and llama wool

Up to order date³ December 31, 2027, products with non-certified alpaca and llama wool may only be purchased and sold if the following requirements are fully met:

Scientific name of the animal and region of origin are available and confirm that this is a domesticated and non-endangered species (according to CITES Appendices I and II) and no significant animal

² Unlike fur – which involves the killing of animals exclusively for the production of fur – hides are a by-product of food production.

³ Remaining stocks ordered before this date may be sold.

⁴ [Mulesing](#) is a mutilation practice developed in Australia in response to fly maggot infestations in sheep. Its practice is agonizing for animals, as it involves cutting off skin folds to reduce the number of fly maggots. ([Source: FourPaws International](#))

welfare risks are known.

From order date³ January 1, 2028, only products containing alpaca and llama wool that are certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group may be purchased and sold.

5. Cashmere wool

Up to order date⁵ December 31, 2027, products with non-certified cashmere wool may only be purchased and sold if the following requirements are fully met:

Scientific name of the animal and region of origin are available and confirm that this is a domesticated and non-endangered species (according to CITES Appendices I and II), and no significant animal welfare risks are known.

From order date³ January 1, 2028, only products containing cashmere wool that are certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group may be purchased and sold.

6. Other animal hair

Products containing non-certified horsehair, camel hair, goat hair (domestic goat) and pig bristles (domestic pig) may only be purchased and sold if the following requirements are fully met:

Scientific name of the animal region of origin is available and confirm that this is a domesticated and non-endangered species (according to CITES Appendices I and II) and no significant animal welfare risks are known.

The use of other animal hair that is not certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group is **prohibited**.

7. Horn and bones

Only horn and bones from the following domesticated animal species are permitted:

Cow, buffalo, pig, goat, sheep, yak and deer.

8. Shells and pearls

Only shells and pearls from non-endangered species (according to CITES Appendixes I and II) are permitted.

9. Silk

The use of silk is permitted.

⁵ Remaining stocks ordered before this date may be sold.

Overview of the scientific names of the animal materials permitted by the Otto Group

Name (DE)	Name (EN)	Scientific name
Leder	Leather	
Rind	Cow	<i>Bos taurus</i> <i>Bos frontalis</i>
Büffel	Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>
Schwein	Pig	<i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>
Ziege	Goat	<i>Capra aegagrus hircus</i>
Schaf	Sheep	<i>Ovis aries</i>
Yak	Yak	<i>Bos grunniens</i>
Horn und Knochen	Horn and bones	
Rind	Cow	<i>Bos taurus</i> , <i>Bos frontalis</i>
Büffel	Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>
Schwein	Pig	<i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>
Ziege	Goat	<i>Capra aegagrus hircus</i>
Schaf	Sheep	<i>Ovis aries</i>
Yak	Yak	<i>Bos grunniens</i>
Hirsch	Deer	<i>Cervus</i> , <i>Cervus elaphus montanus</i> , <i>Axis axis</i>
Daunen und Federn	Down and feathers	
Ente	Duck	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i> , <i>Anas domestica cristata</i>
Gans	Goose	<i>Anser cygnoides domesticus</i> , <i>Anser anser domesticus</i>
Huhn	Chicken	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>
Haar	Hair	
Ross	Horse	<i>Equus</i>
Kamel	Camel	<i>Camelus</i>
Ziege	Goat	<i>Capra</i>
Schwein	Pig	<i>Sus</i>
Wolle	Wool	
Schaf	Sheep	<i>Ovis</i>
Alpaka	Alpaca	<i>Vicugna pacos</i>
Lama	Llama	<i>Lama glama</i>
Kaschmirziege	Cashmere goat	<i>Capra aegagrus hircus</i>

List of standards and certificates accepted by the Otto Group for the corresponding materials of animal origin

Feathers and down

- Responsible Down Standard (RDS)
- Downpass (incl. eiderdown)
- Global Recycled Standard (GRS)
- Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)

Sheep's wool

- Responsible Wool Standard (RWS)
- NATIVA™
- ZQ Merino
- Global Recycled Standard (GRS)
- Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)

Alpaka

- Responsible Alpaca Standard (RAS)
- Global Recycled Standard (GRS)
- Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)

Cashmere

- Good Cashmere Standard (GCS)
- Global Recycled Standard (GRS)
- Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)