

Annex 5 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

The following requirements apply to all business partners for Group merchandise (own and licensed brands), third-party merchandise (brands) and marketplace partners.

Detailed requirements for animal welfare:

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

Fur

Requirements

- The use of real fur is **prohibited**.
- The use of artificial fur is permitted, but it must be clearly labelled as such.

Leather and hides¹

Requirements

- **Until 31/12/2023** (order date): Products containing leather and hides from domesticated species other than cattle, buffalo, pig, goat, sheep and yak may only be sold if the following proof is provided:
 - Latin name of the animal and region of origin confirming that it is a domesticated and non-endangered² species, and
 - proof that it is a by-product of the food industry (e.g. written confirmation from the supplier).

¹ Animal hide is a by-product of the food industry. This is in contrast to fur, which involves breeding and slaughtering the animals exclusively to obtain the coat.

² Pursuant to the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna) definition in Appendices I and II. CITES is the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, which oversees international trade in endangered and protected species.

- **From 1/1/2024³** (order date): Only leather and hide from the following domesticated species are permitted: Cattle, buffalo, pig, goat, sheep and yak; leather from newborn and aborted animals (known, among other things, as Astrakhan, Broadtail, Karakul, Krimmer, Persian Lamb, Swakara) is explicitly **prohibited**.
- We recommend the use of sustainable vegan alternatives to leather.
- For products with leather and hides, the Latin name of the animal (see table at the end) must always be indicated.

Down and feathers

Requirements

- Down and feathers from birds that are plucked while still alive or which are obtained from the production of foie gras are **prohibited**.
- **Until 31/12/2027**: Products containing non-certified⁴ down and feathers from animal species other than ducks, geese and chickens may only be sold if the following proof is submitted:
 - Latin name of the animal and region of origin confirming that it is a domesticated and non-endangered species, and
 - proof that it is a by-product of the food industry (e.g. written confirmation from the supplier).
- **From 1/1/2028**: 100% of the down and feathers must be certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group⁵.

Angora wool

Requirements

- The use of angora wool is **prohibited**.

Mohair wool

Requirements

- The use of mohair wool is **prohibited**.

Lamb's wool

Requirements

- Wool from sheep that have been subjected to 'mulesing' is prohibited. The use of Australian wool is only permitted if it has been certified according to an independent animal welfare standard approved by the Otto Group.
- **From 1/1/2028⁶** (order date): 100% of the wool must be certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group.⁷

³ Remaining stocks ordered prior to this date may be sold.

⁴ Refer to Annex 6 for the certificates and standards accepted by the Otto Group

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Alpaca wool

Requirements

- Products containing non-certified⁸ alpaca wool may only be sold if the following requirements are met:
 - Latin name of the animal and region of origin have been submitted confirming that it is a domesticated and non-endangered species, and
 - no material animal welfare risks are known
- **From 1/1/2028⁹** (order date): 100% of the alpaca wool must be certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group.¹⁰

Cashmere wool

Requirements

- Products containing non-certified cashmere wool may only be sold if the following requirements are met:
 - Latin name of the animal and region of origin have been submitted confirming that it is a domesticated and non-endangered species, and
 - no material animal welfare risks are known
- **From 1/1/2028¹¹** (order date): 100% of the cashmere wool must be certified according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group.¹²

Other animal hair

Requirements

- **From 1/1/2023¹³** (order date): Products containing non-certified¹⁴ horse and camel hair may only be sold if the following requirements are met:
 - Latin name of the animal and region of origin have been submitted confirming that it is a domesticated and non-endangered species, and
 - no material animal welfare risks are known
- **From 1/1/2023¹⁵** (order date): The use of other animal hair that is not certified¹⁶ according to an independent recycling or animal welfare standard accepted by the Otto Group is **prohibited**.

Horn and bones

Requirements

- **From 1/1/2024¹⁷** (order date): Only horn and bones from the following domesticated species are permitted: Cattle, buffalo, pig, goat, sheep, yak and deer.

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⁹ Remaining stocks ordered prior to this date may be sold.

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Shells and pearls

Requirements

- **From 1/1/2023¹⁸** (order date): Only shells and pearls from non-endangered species¹⁹ are permitted.

Silk

The use of silk is permitted.

Other animal materials (e.g. coral)

Requirements

- From 1/1/2023²⁰: The use of all other animal materials that are not mentioned here is **prohibited**.

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¹⁹ According to the definition in the CITES Appendices I and II

²⁰ Remaining stocks ordered prior to this date may be sold.

Overview of the Latin translation of the Otto Group permitted animal materials

Name (DE)	Name (EN)	Latin name
Leder und Felle	Leather and hides	
Rind	Cow	Bos taurus Bos frontalis
Büffel	Buffalo	Bubalus bubalis
Schwein	Pig	Sus scrofa domesticus
Ziege	Goat	Capra aegagrus hircus
Schaf	Sheep	Ovis aries
Yak	Yak	Bos grunniens
Horn und Knochen	Horn and bones	
Rind	Cow	Bos taurus, Bos frontalis
Büffel	Buffalo	Bubalus bubalis
Schwein	Pig	Sus scrofa domesticus
Ziege	Goat	Capra aegagrus hircus
Schaf	Sheep	Ovis aries
Yak	Yak	Bos grunniens
Hirsch	Deer	Cervus, Cervus elaphus montanus, Axis axis
Daunen und Federn	Down and feathers	
Ente	Duck	Anas platyrhynchos domesticus, Anas domestica cristata
Gans	Goose	Anser cygnoides domesticus, Anser anser domesticus
Huhn	Chicken	Gallus gallus domesticus

Muscheln und Perlen: Übersicht der verbotenen Tierarten gemäß CITES²¹

Lithophaga lithophaga	Conradilla caelata
Cyprogenia aberti	Dromus dromas
Epioblasma curtisi	Epioblasma florentina
Epioblasma sampsonii	Epioblasma sulcata perobliqua
Epioblasma torulosa gubernaculum	Epioblasma torulosa rangiana
Epioblasma torulosa torulosa	Epioblasma turgidula
Epioblasma walkeri	Fusconaia cuneolus
Fusconaia edgariana	Lampsilis higginsii
Lampsilis orbiculata orbiculata	Lampsilis satur
Lampsilis virescens	Plethobasus cicatricosus
Plethobasus cooperianus	Pleurobema clava
Pleurobema plenum	Potamilus capax
Quadrula intermedia	Quadrula sparsa
Toxolasma cylindrella	Unio nickliniana
Unio tampicoensis tecomatensis	Villosa trabalis

²¹ There is no claim to completeness. As a reference for endangered species, the original source of CITES must always be used, which can be found here: [CITES Appendices I, II and III valid from 22.06.22](#)