

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY BESTSELLER

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BESTSELLER'S ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

At BESTSELLER, we are committed to safeguarding animal welfare. We require that any materials derived from animals used in our products are from animals that are treated humanely and according to animal welfare laws and recommendations. Under no circumstances do we accept animals being harmed during the manufacturing of our products.

IN BESTSELLER WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Real fur of any type in our products.*
- Leather that is not a by-product from animals that have been bred for the food industry.
- Leather obtained from live-skinning or live-boiling.
- Feather or down from birds that have not been bred and raised for the food industry.
- Feather or down from greylag geese due to the risk that they have been force-fed for the production of foie gras.
- Feather or down from birds that have been live-plucked.
- Wool from sheep that have been exposed to mulesing.
- Angora wool.
- Mohair (until we can assure responsible sources).
- Materials derived from species that appear on the CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) or IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) lists of endangered species.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

We are working with industry experts wherever possible to support the development and implementation of credible animal welfare standards. BESTSELLER's long term ambition is to source all our raw materials from responsible sources and we are committed to driving transparency and traceability in the supply chains of animal derived fibres and materials. As such:

- All the virgin down used in BESTSELLER products are sourced from sources certified to the Responsible Down Standard (RDS). Alternatively certified recycled down can be used.
- We have a goal to source all our wool from responsible sources by 2025 - meaning certified to the Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) or equivalent standards, organic wool or recycled wool.
- We have partnered with The Good Cashmere Standard® by AbTF and will effectively start sourcing cashmere fibres for our products through this source from 2020 onwards.
- We are supporting the developments of the Responsible Sourced Alpaca standard initiated by the Textile Exchange which we believe will address relevant topics related to alpaca husbandry practices and land management. With this we are working to ensure access and transition to certified responsibly sourced alpaca at the earliest available date as well as support positive industry developments.

In addition, we support the use of recycled animal fibres and more sustainable innovations of non-animal origin that can replace animal based fibres.

ANIMAL TESTING

At BESTSELLER, we stand strong against animal testing. We require that our suppliers not be involved in any animal testing of cosmetic products and ingredients, or purchase ingredients or products from suppliers, who have been involved in such practices.

FUR-FREE FOR MORE THAN A DECADE

For more than a decade, BESTSELLER has been a fur free company. For this reason, it is only natural for us to take part in the Fur Free Retailer program*, giving confidence to our customers that BESTSELLER is a company that does not sell real fur.

**BESTSELLER has entered the Fur Free Retailer program together with The Fur Free Alliance (FFA). The FFA is an international coalition of animal protection organisations working to bring an end to the exploitation and killing of animals for their fur.*

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