



Animal Welfare Policy

C&A's business model is to provide high quality fashion products at affordable prices. We are committed to doing so in a sustainable way, with respect for people, the environment and animals.

At C&A we believe animals have the right to be treated with care. Therefore, we expect our supply partners to abide by the internationally accepted [Five Freedoms](#) for animal welfare:

1. **Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** - by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
2. **Freedom from Discomfort** - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. **Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. **Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour** - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. **Freedom from Fear and Distress** - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

To ensure this, we strive to implement standards protecting the welfare of animals and providing traceability from the farm to the final product.

We require only raw materials that come from animals reared for meat production and under no circumstances do we accept any material from exotic, threatened or endangered species as defined by [CITES](#) and the [IUCN red list](#).

In addition, we offer our customers the choice to select recycled and non-animal based alternatives.

C&A expects all suppliers to conduct their operations in a responsible manner, and make every effort to abide by this policy.

Currently, we have the following animal-derived raw materials commitments. We will continue to develop this policy further as we learn more:

Angora

We have banned the use of angora in our products.

No mohair

We have banned the use of mohair from the angora goat as from Spring/Summer season 2019.

Down and feathers

We have banned live-plucking and force-feeding practices for down and feathers used in our products.

Wool, hair and fur

We have banned the practice of mulesing of sheep that are kept for wool used in our products. We do not use real fur and are a member of the Fur Free Retailer Program.

Leather

All leather or skin should be sourced from producers that work towards and according to good animal husbandry and humane handling and slaughter practices.

We do not accept bovine leather from India.

We do not accept leather with hair attached from China or India.