



LWG LEATHER PRODUCTION STANDARD

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15. DUE DILIGENCE FOR RESPONSIBLE SOURCING INCLUDING DEFORESTATION-FREE LEATHER

- 15.1 The facility should exercise due diligence over their supply chains in accordance with the OECD-FAO Business Handbook on Deforestation and Due Diligence in Agricultural Supply Chains (the 'OECD Handbook') or other auditable due diligence framework recognised by LWG ('LWG-recognised due diligence frameworks'), in ways appropriate to the purpose, nature, scale and impact of their business operations.
- 15.2 The facility shall adopt and communicate a sourcing policy publicly and to their suppliers. The policy shall set out objectives for sourcing from deforestation-free areas including target dates.
- 15.3 The facility should use best endeavours, commensurate with its ability to influence, to map its supply chain by identifying the origin of the cattle (country, area, and where appropriate, the plot of land) including the slaughterhouse and all intermediaries with a focus on identifying high-risk areas or suppliers. Where high risks are identified, geolocation information to the farm level may be required.
- 15.4 If the facility sources from slaughterhouses in high-risk areas or from high-risk suppliers, it should design and implement a strategy to respond to adverse deforestation and conversion impacts and develop strategies to prevent future risks.
- 15.5 The facility should monitor due diligence actions to ensure they are effective using tools and methods that are appropriate, such as internal control mechanisms, verifications, third-party audits, on-site investigations, and consultations with local communities, civil society and government authorities.
- 15.6 The due diligence process should be reviewed periodically and at least annually, and efforts and outcomes should be reported publicly.

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